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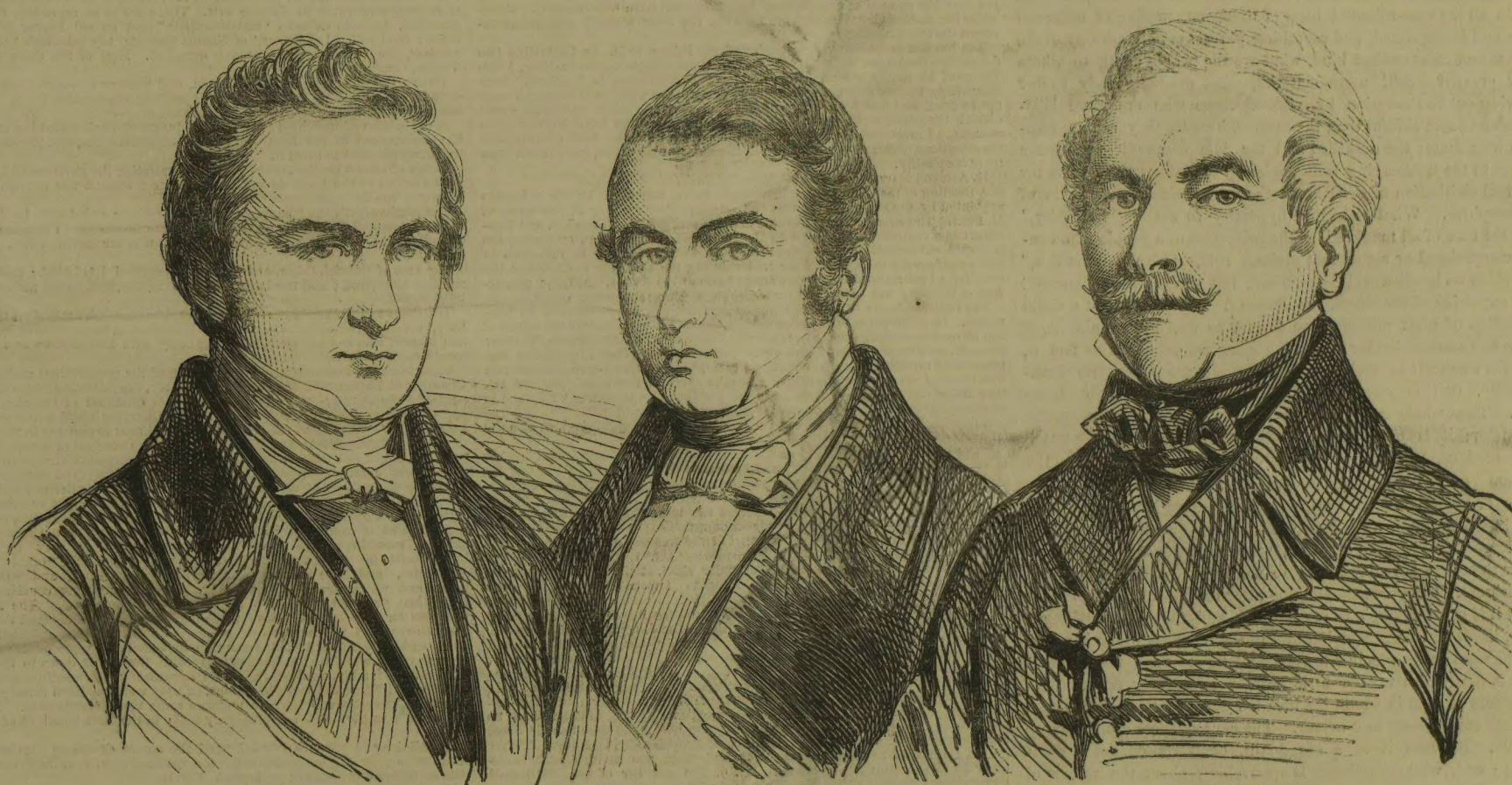
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EQUALITY AND FRATERNITY.

THE state of affairs in France continues to excite the liveliest interest, even though the Government is shaking at home. Prospects have scarcely brightened for the new Republic since last week; all parties were stunned into a species of torpor by the suddenness of the blow, and it was not in the first moments of surprise that the full extent of the change was felt. But it begins to be, and at the pre-

sent moment the sensations are of a very mingled kind. There is a general joy at the complete riddance made of the old system, increased by the courageous exposition which has just been made of its financial profligacy, which was perfectly hideous and incredible. Even without a revolution, six months more must have plunged it into bankruptcy. The debt Louis Philippe has left as a legacy to the Republic is enormous; not a source of revenue exists that has

not been exceeded almost twice over. It is said, too, that the private debts remaining unpaid on his account are enormous; left so, not from personal extravagance or inability to settle them, but from calculation and parsimony! The Republic has sequestered his private property, on which these debts are of course the first lien, and will doubtless be paid. But the money pressure in other respects is terrible. The sale of the Crown jewels is decreed; but no one will



MARIE, MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

GOUDCHAUX, LATE MINISTER OF FINANCE.

SUBERVIE, LATE MINISTER OF WAR.



BETHMONT, MINISTER OF COMMERCE.

CREMIEUX, MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

CARNOT, MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

purchase them: in a time of convulsion what can men do with mere stones, which are either rich or poor "as fancy values them"? and diamonds are no more in themselves than very bright petrifications. The Regent diamond, one of the Crown jewels of France, is worth, nominally, an inconceivable sum; but it is perfectly useless, and indeed valueless, save as a natural curiosity: only a state could buy it, and all the states of Europe are in the position of borrowers. The Crown jewels, then, will remain the Republican jewels, till affairs are more settled. The gold and silver plate is more easily disposed of; it is to be melted down forthwith, and coined into money. The Crown lands are seized, being the property of the State, and it is proposed to sell some of the forests; but men are shy of buying from a possessor with nothing but a political change to show for its title to them. They "like not the security," and remember that fallen dynasties have had an unaccountable knack of rising again. The few proposals of purchase that have been made are on condition that only a third of the money is to be paid, the rest to be left dependant on time and events. All this is very unsatisfactory to a Government that cannot work the machinery of the State without cash. An appeal is made for a year's taxes in advance, and they are paid with a considerable alacrity—some whisper, out of terror. These difficulties are not created by the Republic, they are the fatal inheritance of the late reign; but they appear more plainly now, because the new régime does not and cannot as yet resort so readily to the ever-ready plan of covering an excess of expenditure by borrowing. There is no concealing the feverish state of commerce in France at the present moment. Bankers are failing, or wind up their business, and close their establishments, to avoid failure. Difficulty meets all classes at every turn; and at this very moment, when masters are discharging their workmen for the want of orders, the men are organising themselves into bodies, to obtain more wages and a reduction of the hours of labour, though there is the most imminent peril of their soon having no wages or work at all! Ignorance and delusion fermenting in the midst of the most material and positive difficulties—theories floating in the public mind that tend to the destruction of the whole social edifice. If peril becomes panic, and delusion rage, what may not be the consequences. While amiable and intellectual writers are preaching again all the rose-coloured ideas of Rousseau, prating of universal love and brotherhood, and mouthing phrases of philanthropy of the purest and most exalted kind, what are the people doing to whom they preach? Still more material, what are they ready to do? Driving out to starvation by violence those who are more laborious and more skillful than themselves, because they cannot compete with them; the unskilled and the idle demanding the same wages as the unwearying toiler, who, by his labour, does more for the real civilisation of other lands than a whole Encyclopædia of philosophers. What sickening hypocrisy to assert "fraternity," and the love of all mankind, as the principles of a people who cannot comprehend or act on that plainest rule, "Live and let live," for which no brotherhood is required, but mere simple honesty! The expulsion of the English workmen from France is but a slight indication of what millions would wish to do, and would do, if there was an occasion for it, on the grandest scale. The fact is, that the two ends of society in France are too far apart: intellectually, one is super-refined, the other is savagely ignorant. The whole press of France is worthless as a public instructor; it is only a public influence stirring up parties, and sections, without making any of them wiser with the wisdom of action and forbearance, either among themselves or towards others. Carry wealth among them, and they will kiss your feet; take only your hands, your skill and energy, and force them, by your example, to rouse up, and do more or do better than they have been used to see suffice, and they will cut your throat. They cannot bear the presence of superiority, except when it is great enough to crush them, and then they christen it *gloire*, kneel down and worship it. In the madness which is carrying the working-classes in France headlong to ruin, the Government is powerless; it does little more than register the edicts of the bodies of men in whom the idea is rooted that legislation can regulate employment and labour. The consequences are becoming terrible. Business is at a stand-still, contracts cannot be completed; and, while everybody is quarrelling about the wages of their work, their occupation itself is disappearing, leaving them starvation in its place. The error which has forced the Government into this path is everywhere deplored; it is at the bottom of the fear and distrust with which the Republic is regarded. Families are leaving Paris, in spite of the outward tranquillity; others are curtailing their establishments and expenses, and the journals remark this half kind of panic with regret; but there is no remedy for it. There is no enthusiasm for the new order of things, and France may be pretty well defined as a Republic without Republicans. No one can say what other form of Government was possible, the Bourbons having exhausted the last shred of influence connected with their name. No one regrets the fall of the Monarchy; but all is doubt and misgiving as to what has succeeded it, with a general fear of being the first to express them. The Government has shown too much disposition to repeat the policy of the first revolution, without considering that a Republic may be as superstitious with regard to the past as a Monarchy. What was reality in '89 is mere mockery now; the nobility then was powerful; titles have become nothing but an empty form, not worth the trouble of destroying. Mere copying the past for the sake of being like it, when the present requires its own policy, is the shallowest of errors. On the other hand, the Government has fallen into an abyss of peril by its tampering with questions no Government can settle, in which it will sink exhausted, or be replaced by another perhaps still more rash, with results too terrible to contemplate. It is discouraging to be compelled to think that so much of the old heaven of violence remains still; whole masses are instinctively looking towards the frontiers; and the journals appear with columns of trash that might have been cut out of the papers of 1795. One great exception there is in the *Presse*, where Emile Girardin has courage enough to denounce strongly both the dangerous tendencies, War and Communism, and point out the folly and madness of both.

The authorities of Liverpool have placarded the walls with an announcement that in future no gatherings in the Exchange area will be allowed.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL NEWS.

FRANCE.

Peace and order are everywhere restored throughout the Republic; and Provisional Government continues to pursue with industry and spirit its manifold labours in the temporary reorganization of the social and political compact, preparatory to the convocation of the National Assembly.

The *Moniteur* publishes a report of the financial situation of the Republic, as drawn up by M. Garnier Pages. The public debt amounted, on the 1st of January, 1848, to 5,179,644,730 francs. The Minister, after showing that the budgets under the late Government had increased enormously, and examining the state of public works (of which those already commenced and to be yet finished will, when completed, cost 839 millions of francs), the floating debt, amounting to 872 millions of francs, the *bons du trésor*, of which there are 329,886,000 in existence, and the savings' banks, in which there are deposits to the amount of 355,087,717 francs, says that the sinking fund should yet be maintained, and that the Government is determined to make a great reduction in the number of *employés*, and to put the remainder on a new footing as to salaries. He then declares that the crown diamonds, jewels, and plate found at the Tuilleries belong to the nation, as the crown had only the usufruct of it; and he recommends that the diamonds should be sold by valuation, and that the plate found at the Tuilleries, Neuilly, and other palaces should be coined into money, with the effigy of the Republic stamped upon it. The property of the ancient civil list he declares to have returned to the State, in the same way that it passed successively from the ancient King to the Emperor, and from him to Louis XVIII. and Charles X., and from them to Louis Philippe. He adds, "It is to be understood that the private domain is not comprised in the above measure, and that it remains sequestered at the disposal of the National Assembly." With regard to the Crown forests, he thinks that most of them ought to be retained, but that some may be sold to advantage, and he thinks the quantity to be sold may amount to the value of 100,000,000.

With regard to the loan (contracted last year by M. Rothschild), the Minister states that it is doubtful if the remainder of the instalments will be paid up, but as money will be necessary for the Government, he proposes to borrow the remainder of the sum allowed to be borrowed by the law of the 8th August, namely, 100 millions, by way of a patriotic national loan, to be issued at 5 per cent.

On this report decrees follow, authorizing the Minister of Finance to contract a loan, sell the Crown diamonds and the Crown forests, as far as he may consider necessary.

The following table shows the figures of the Minister's statement at a glance.

PUBLIC DEBT.—On 1st Jan., 1841 (deducting sinking fund) ..	4,267,315,402
On 1st Jan., 1848	5,179,644,730
BUDGETS.—1829—30	1,014,914,009
1847	1,712,979,639
FLOATING DEBT.—In 1831	250,000,000
26th Feb., 1848	872,000,000
TREASURY BONDS.—Amount on 24th Feb., 1848 ..	329,886,000
SAVINGS' BANKS.—Deposits 7th March, 1848 ..	355,087,717

Professions of amity towards the Republic have been communicated to the Foreign Minister from the following states, through their respective ambassadors:—Fribourg, Denmark, Sardinia, and Belgium. The Belgian note contains the following passage:—

"The ambassador is instructed to assure the Government of the Republic that the militia has been called out under the Belgic flag, not with any aggressive or hostile views against the Republic, but with the sole object of maintaining against all the European powers the Belgic neutrality. He also will convey the assurance already given by the Belgian Government, that it will acknowledge the Republic as soon as the National Assembly shall have sanctioned it. Meanwhile the ambassador is enjoined to keep up the most friendly sentiments between the two nations."

The English ambassador communicated on Friday to M. de Lamartine two despatches from Lord Palmerston. One of these relates to the ex-King, Louis Philippe, his family and ministers, who have sought refuge in England. Lord Palmerston desires that the hospitality shown to the dethroned monarch may not be construed into a want of political sympathy of such a nature as would disturb the friendly relations of the two nations. He begs Lord Normanby to assure the Provisional Government that the asylum which has been afforded, and the attentions which have been shown to the unfortunate exiles, have arisen from mere hospitality.

M. Armand Marrast is appointed Mayor of Paris.

A meeting of the shareholders in Goulin's Bank, convoked by the delegates appointed by the general body, was held on Saturday evening at the house of M. Petit. The shareholders appointed MM. Besson, Saponay, Chesnon, and Heneccart as a committee, to treat with M. Goulin and the delegates, respecting the proposed subscription for 2000 shares of 1000 francs each; to be redeemed in three years, with the option of the holder during the first year to exchange the scrip for a 1000 franc share at the current price of 750 francs. A large proportion of the scrip was subscribed for before the meeting separated.

The banking-house of MM. Lafitte, Blount, and Co. has suspended its payments. In a circular whereby they explain to their correspondents the causes of the above suspension, they observe:—"The state of our affairs presents, in other respects, nothing that need alarm you. The realisation of our resources is but transiently interrupted, and we require but a delay to fulfil all our engagements. The meeting of our creditors will shortly take place, at our social seat, 48 bis, Rue Basse de Rempart; they will have to consider the measures we intend to propose for accomplishing our prompt and complete liberation."

A decree abolishing imprisonment for debt has been published, as also the following:—

"The Provisional Government, considering that the fallen Government has left to the charge of the Republic a sum of 355,087,717 francs, arising from the deposits made in the Savings' Bank; considering that, of this sum, there only remains disposable in cash 65,703,620 francs; whereas the small deposits belong in general to necessitous citizens; whereas the large deposits belong, on the contrary, generally to persons in easy circumstances; whereas it is desirable to reconcile the interest of justice with that of the treasury, and that of private individuals with that of the public, decrees:—Art. 1. The *titres* (receipts) showing a payment of 1000 francs and under shall, at the demand of the depositors, be reimbursed in cash. Art. 2. Deposits of from 1000 francs to 1000 francs shall be reimbursed in the following manner:—1. 1000 francs in cash; 2. the remainder, up to half of the sum paid in, in one or more treasury bonds, at four months' date, and bearing interest at 5 per cent.; 3. the last half in coupons of 5 per cent. rentes at par. Art. 3. For the receipt-books in which the sum paid in shall exceed 1000 francs, the Savings' Bank shall pay—1. 1000 francs in cash; the remainder, up to half the amount, in treasury bonds of six months' date, and bearing interest at 5 per cent.; 3. the last half in a coupon of 5 per cent. rente at par. Art. 4. The receipt-books inscribed in the name of societies for mutual assistance shall not be subject to the preceding provisions; their deposits shall be reimbursed in full in cash. Receipt-books for deposits made since Feb. 24, 1848, are also excepted from the measure. Art. 5. Provisionally, and until further orders, there shall be no transfer made of funds from one savings' bank to another for the account of depositors. Art. 6. The member of the Provisional Government, Minister of Finance, is charged with the execution of the present decree." (Signed by the members of the Provisional Government.)

Deputations continue to wait on the Provisional Government, or Ministers, and to submit to them every possible question, as will be seen by the following paragraph of the *Moniteur*:—"A deputation of the schools of singing has waited on the Provisional Government, and asked it to have the question examined as to which is the best method of singing, and to decide in favour of that which might propagate in the most efficient way music and singing among the laborious classes. M. Crémieux, a member of the Provisional Government, replied that the Government would bestow its attention on the question, and examine it with care."

Instructions of the Provisional Government for the execution of their decree of the 5th instant, relative to the impending elections, have been published: they are very lengthy, and of no general interest.

It is stated that all the members of the Provisional Government will be presented as candidates to the electors of Paris; that the National Assembly will sit in the hall of the ex-Chamber of Deputies; and that its first measure will be to confirm or modify the Provisional Government until the promulgation of the Constitution. According to another report, there are to be fourteen Ministers, each with a salary of 25,000 francs: viz. 1. Finance; 2. Foreign Affairs; 3. War; 4. Marine; 5. Public Works; 6. Justice; 7. Commerce; 8. Worship; 9. Interior; 10. Post-office; 11. Fine Arts; 12. Progress; 13. Agriculture; 14. Colonies.

The petition presented by a large number of the merchants and shopkeepers of Paris to the Government, for the further prolongation of the period for the payment of bills falling due between the 22nd of February and the 9th of March, has been rejected by the Minister of Finance.

New taxes are now spoken of, to fall exclusively on the *propriétaires*, who as yet are a privileged class; but the Government will only resort to this measure at the last extremity. It will be submitted to the National Assembly. The taxes were being paid with far more promptitude than could have been anticipated after so great a commotion.

The Duke d'Anmale and Prince de Joinville left Algiers on the 3rd instant, in the Solon, for Gibraltar, whence they were expected to proceed to England. They are stated to have been cheered when they embarked. The following is an official note:—"The Provisional Government has received this day two letters from the Duke d'Anmale and Prince Joinville, in which they state that they have left French land, and delivered over the command to the officers appointed by the Provisional Government."

MM. Louis Blanc and Albert, in the name of the Committee appointed to organize labour, had invited the masters and manufacturers to appoint delegates, three in number for every trade and profession, to discuss their interests with the Committee, on the 17th instant, at the Palace of the Luxembourg.

The strike of the miners of Anzin was at an end, a compromise having taken place between them and the Directors, by which their salary was fixed at 2f. 50c. per day.

The Minister of War had decided that none of the general and other officers attached as *adjuvants* to the family of the ex-King should be employed in the active service of the army.

On Saturday a deputation of from 100 to 150 English residents in Paris proceeded to the Hôtel de Ville, for the purpose of presenting an address to the Provisional Government. The address, which was read by Colonel Fletcher, purported to express the gratitude of the English residents in Paris for the protection extended to persons and property during the recent Revolution, and their fervent admiration of the noble forbearance displayed by the people of Paris in the terrible excitement of their combat for liberty. All the members of the

Provisional Government were present, and M. de Lamartine replied on their behalf.

A deputation of English Quakers, representing a peace meeting, introduced by Arthur O'Connor, preceded that of the English residents.

Amongst the various decrees and documents that have issued this week from the members of the Provisional Government, a circular addressed by the Minister of the Interior to the Commissioners of the Government, fixing their powers as representatives of the sovereign people. Their authority is unlimited. They are directed everywhere to change the prefects and sub-prefects, and appoint the successors of the latter; and to dismiss the Mayors, Deputy-Mayors, and the Municipal Councils who should be hostile to the Republic. The military force is also placed under their orders. The organisation of the National Guards, and the elections, in particular, are, however, to be the main object of their constant attention.

The punishment of keel-hauling and flogging with the rope's-end, are abolished in the Navy. Until the complete revision of the Maritime Penal Code, they shall be replaced by confinement in the black hole from four days to a month.

Persons imprisoned for debt are ordered to be forthwith restored to liberty. A dozen members of the late Council of State, and various other persons in the service of the ex-Government, are dismissed.

On Sunday, above five hundred Republicans dined at Versailles, in the famous room of the Jeu de Paume.

On the same day, a deputation of two thousand Swiss, residing at Paris, waited on the Provisional Government.

M. Clesinger, the sculptor, presented to the Provisional Government, on Sunday, a colossal bust of Liberty, which was carried in procession through the streets by a body of nearly 300 sculptors, who having stopped on the Place des Petits Peres, were agreeably surprised at beholding the parish priest coming out at the head of his clergy to bless the figure.

All the Bishops of France are successively publishing circular letters to their dioceses, on the subject of the revolution and establishment of a Republic.

The garrison of Paris is henceforth to consist of four regiments of infantry, two of cavalry, and the 24 battalions of moveable National Guards that are now organizing. All the regiments of the line quartered at Paris when the revolution broke out have been marched into the provinces, most having been sent to reinforce the northern fortresses.

Louis Philippe's former residence, the Palais Royal, is being partly converted into barracks.

The workmen in the establishment of M. Henry Leclerc, manufacturer of hydraulic machines, Quai Valmy, 50, have addressed a declaration to the Provisional Government, stating that they are quite satisfied with the decree fixing the day's labour at ten hours, and that any further demand would be unjust, and would occasion the ruin of the masters. They also declare that they authorize their employer to keep back for the Provisional Government 25c. a day out of the wages of their foremen, and 10c. and 5c. for each ordinary workman. The men employed by M. Pichet, Avenue Parmentier, 3, machine maker, have also written to say that they are satisfied with the period of ten hours for a day's work.

A well-informed correspondent of the *Patriot* says:—"It appears that papers and correspondence of the highest importance have been found in the cabinet of the late King at Neuilly; and that a few of those papers were sent to M. de Lamartine, with a view to induce him to pay handsomely for the whole. It is certain that all the papers of the ex-King are in the hands of the Provisional Government. His secret correspondence with the diplomatic agents at the foreign Courts will be published. Europe will now know how far the Napoleon of Peace is entitled to the respect so long claimed for his wisdom and his honesty. There were at Neuilly about 300 pictures, all of them modern; 150 have been saved, and conveyed to the Louvre. The remainder have been burnt. The loss is not a great one; all the names on the catalogue are almost unknown, and of scarcely any value in the fine arts. There are to be regretted, among the principal, Leopold Robert's 'Improvisateur,' and an old beggar of the same artist; the 'Soldat Laboureur,' of Horace Vernet; Ary Scheffer's 'Faust.' Its pendant, the 'Marguerite,' is greatly damaged. Most of the other pictures of Vernet, Gudin, &c., have been saved."

During the week meetings of workmen, and persons of every branch of trade or industry, were daily taking place and sending deputations to the Provisional Government.

A deputation of merchants and manufacturers of Paris called the attention of the Government to the imminence of commercial crisis, and proposed various measures destined to avert it.

Bands of armed people are stated to be devastating the environs of Lyons.

One or two of the journals venture to protest against the conversion of the Palace of the Tuilleries into a civil hospital.

The *National* tells the "bourgeoisie" that they have ended with Louis Philippe as the nobles ended with the elder branch of the Bourbons. The same philippine is an indignant article against the many persons who are leaving Paris. They are called *laches*.

The firm of Gabriel, Odier, and Co., has subscribed 1,117,800 francs; that of Blanc and Co., 1,570,000 francs; and the Paris stockbrokers, 300,000 francs; the national loan of 100,000,000 francs.

The *Courrier du Nord* says:—"A telegraphic despatch arrived on the 10th at Lille, ordering the apprehension of an Englishman, the cashier of MM. Lafitte and Blount, who had left Paris, carrying away with him securities and sums to a considerable amount."

Some incorrect accounts having been given of the preparations making at the Chamber of Deputies for the National Assembly, the following statement is now made by the *Débats*:—"The palace of the late Chamber of Deputies remains appropriated to the National Assembly. The Chamber itself is too confined to hold all the representatives of the country now about to amount to 900, and the Minister of Public Works has given orders for the erection of a temporary hall in the principal court of the building. It is to be formed of timber and iron, in the shape of a rectangle, from the present two wings. The benches will be ranged in the manner of an amphitheatre, and spacious galleries for the people will be erected on three of the sides. The members will be able to communicate with ease on one side with the Bureau de Distribution and the old chamber, which will serve as a conference room, or for the Assembly when formed into a general committee, and on the other side they may go by the inner corridors into the pavilion, in which are the offices of the secretaries, and the rooms destined for committees and other purposes, and which are sixty in number. These rooms were considerably enlarged last year, and will serve all the necessary purposes. The Assembly will thus be very commodiously established, having at its command the library, the archives, and the numerous documents which have been collected with so much care by former Administrations, and where the representatives of the country will find all the Parliamentary records from 1789 down to the present day. The Assembly, no doubt, will in its preparatory proceedings and its first deliberations follow the last regulations, as they were modified three years ago, but which probably will have to undergo some new amendments. The new temporary Chamber will be completely ready in the first fortnight of the next month."

The Minister of Finance has informed the *agents de change* that he will receive at par, for the subscription for the national loan, *bons du Trésor*, whose time of falling due does not go beyond May 15.

The *Moniteur* published a report of the first two sittings of the Government Commission for regulating the affairs of the workmen. There were present, besides the President, Vice-President, and Secretary, MM. Vidal, Jean Reynaud, Victor Considérant, Dupont-White, Duveyrier, Dupuy, Pecqueur, Malmont, editor of the *Journal de Fraternité*, a journeyman, and M. Pascal, editor of the *Atelier*, also a journeyman. At the first sitting M. Louis Blanc explained the motives of the Government before there was any discussion, for limiting the hours of work. Beyond ten hours, he said, was oppressive. To afford repose to the workman was to regain for the work the strength lost in performing it. The people demanded this reform with an imperious voice; and the masters, after conferring, acceded to the project of the commission. At the second sitting M. Louis Blanc brought forward a question of high interest. He proposed to establish, in the four most populous quarters of Paris, four buildings, each capable of accommodating about 400 families of working-men, with a separate apartment for each, that there might be derived a vast economy in lodging, firing, lighting, &c., and also in food, by the purchase in large quantities. Their economy would, he represented, be equivalent to an augmentation of wages to the workpeople, without any additional charge upon the masters. In this establishment there would be an asylum for the infants during the absence of their mothers, a school, yards for air and exercise, gardens, baths, &c. The first expense would be raised by mortgages upon the establishments themselves. These establishments would, said M. Louis Blanc, be accessible only to working men lawfully married, those who have the most numerous families being preferred. The utility and interest of such a creation was unanimously acknowledged by the Commission, though some doubts were raised as to the concurrence of the workmen for whose benefit it was conceived. MM. Louis Blanc and Charles Duveyrier, however, soon set these doubts aside. In the end, M. Louis Blanc undertook to submit to the Government for its sanction the resolutions which were come to.

The club of the Central Republican Society had adopted a motion of M. Blanqui, its President, to the effect of inviting all the other clubs to unite in demanding from the Provisional Government that the election of the National Guard and the Constituent Assembly be postponed.

The club of the Sorbonne, of which the celebrated Professor Michelet is President, had adopted regulations similar to those of the former club of Jacobins.

M. Plongoum, President of the Court of Appeal of Rennes, had sent his resignation to the Minister of Justice, and enrolled his name among the members of the Parisian bar.

The *Moniteur* publishes the names of the members of the committee appointed to grant national recompenses to the citizens who either fought or suffered for the Republic or Socialist cause, from 1830 to 1848. M. Albert, member of the Provisional Government, is chairman of the committee, and amongst its members we find Messrs. Grandmenil and L'Heritier de l'Ain, presidents of clubs, and M. Eugene Sue.

The committee charged with the organisation of labour have, we believe, decreed the suppression of all work in prisons.

A committee, appointed by the whole of the legions of the National Guard of Paris and its suburbs, has engaged, on the Boulevard Montmartre an immense *salle*, capable of holding several thousand persons, in which to hold the "Club of the National Guard," and have issued (placarded) a species of prospectus, which indicates that the object of the club is in fact, if not in terms, take measures for the maintenance of order, for, say they, "whilst popular societies are springing up in every direction, it becomes necessary that the National Guard should have a centre of réunion in which the opinions of the whole corps shall be represented." The election of officers of the National Guard for this day (Saturday) was a source of much agitation in the public mind during the week. The

result would, it was supposed, determine the question of moderate or ultra-republicanism as far as Paris was concerned; it was generally expected the *modérés* would be in the ascendant.

The Paris papers of yesterday bring the important intelligence of the suspension of cash payments by the Bank of France. The *Moniteur* publishes a decree of the Provisional Government, dated the 15th of March, to the following effect:—"From the date of its publication the Bank of France's notes are to be received as legal money by the government and private individuals—until further orders, the Bank of France is dispensed from the obligation of paying its notes in specie. In no case shall the issues of the bank and its 'comptoirs' exceed 350,000,000f. The provisions of the decree are applicable to all the provincial 'comptoirs.' The Bank is to publish its situation in the *Moniteur* every eight days." This decree is founded on a report from the Governor of the Bank of France, also published in the *Moniteur*. It is in substance as follows:—"From the 26th of February to the 15th of March," says the Governor, "the Bank has discounted, at Paris, to the amount of 110,000,000f.; of 112,000,000f. it owed to the Treasury, it has paid 77,000,000f.; we do not include 11,000,000f. placed at the disposal of the Treasury in various 'comptoirs,' to provide for urgent wants of the public service. Moreover, the Bank has discounted 43,000,000f. in the towns where it has 'comptoirs;' by its discounts at Paris it has endeavoured to prevent the suspension of payments of the banks of Rouen, Havre, Lille, and Orleans. The promptitude and extent of the Bank's operations induced the hope of surmounting the crisis. It has flattered itself of such a result until this day, and would probably have succeeded, had it not been for the demand provoked by extraordinary events, and magnified by fear. From the 26th of February to the evening of the 14th of March, the Paris 'en caisse' has decreased from 140,000,000f. 70,000,000f. This morning, the 15th, panic declared itself. The possessors of notes have presented themselves in crowds at the Bank, and new 'guichets' have been opened to accelerate the service. Above 10,000,000f. have been paid in specie. This evening there remain at Paris but 59,000,000f. To-morrow the crowd will be more considerable; in a few days more the Bank will be completely stripped of specie. In such serious circumstances we must have recourse to your vigilant and energetic solicitude, and that of the Government. The Bank's Council, deliberating on this state of things, proposes," &c. The propositions are those made into law by the above decree.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Paris, Wednesday.

Under the name of "Musée National," instead of "Musée Royal," the old Louvre has opened its portals this day for the annual Exhibition of the Works of Living Artists. Determined to carry out the principle of "*égalité*," which is one of the three which the new Republic has solemnly adopted, the Minister of the Interior, dispensing with any Jury of Selection, ordered that every picture, good, bad, and indifferent, which was sent in, should be exhibited—a decision which caused the long-haired artists of the bad and indifferent class to shout "*Vive la République!*" with very hearty enthusiasm. As well as one can judge from a very hasty walk through the immense galleries, "*égalité*" has, contrary to expectation, by no means lowered the general character of the Exhibition. As in previous years, there are some excellent pictures, some good, some middling, some bad, and some which are most atrocious daubs. But the excellent and the good are not fewer, the middling, the bad, and the abominable are not more numerous, in proportion to those of previous years. The Exhibition, in my humble opinion, is fully up to the usual average. People there are, no doubt, who will swear to the contrary; but whoever remembers the extraordinary absurdity and injustice of the decisions of the Juries, will not believe them; and every impartial person who may be able to make a comparison between the present and past Exhibitions will, I think, coincide in my verdict.

Notwithstanding what the French call *protections politiques* nearly absorb public attention, it is impossible not to notice the great falling off which has taken place in fashionable gaiety. Pass along the streets at any hour after nightfall, and you will not hear the strains of music nor see the blaze of lights in any house; no trains of carriages will be found to obstruct the way; no dashing equipages will be met with. Grand dinners, grand balls, grand soirées, grand concerts, grand *fêtes* of all kinds, have now become almost as scarce in Paris as in the most obscure of obscure country towns. The rich have fled, or are preparing to fly, or, at the very least, have cut down their establishments. No pomp, no display, little rejoicing, strict economy—such are the orders of the day among the favoured of the earth. This may not be unnatural after the tremendous convulsion which we have just witnessed, and still less unnatural in presence of the dark, unknown, mysterious, threatening, lowering future which opens before us. But, nevertheless, *it ought not to be*; and if the higher classes of French society were actuated by ordinary patriotism, it would not be. Cut down expenses—save money—diminish labour—injure, perhaps ruin commerce at such a moment as this. Why the bitterest enemy of France could not desire more, and would be satisfied with far less! And yet, as we have said, that is the very thing which the French aristocracy of money, and the French aristocracy of birth, are now doing! Verily they must be mad! They see not, feel not, understand not that they are adding to the misery of the mob, and yet that, at this moment, the mob is the supreme master of property and of life! If they have no feeling for the people, can they expect the people, with overwhelming power in their hands, to feel for them?

PRUSSIA.

The arrival of Citizen Circourt, the new French Minister, at the Prussian Court vice the Marquis of Dalmatia (now Citizen Soult), resigned, or superseded, has been announced at Berlin. The King has nominated the Prince of Prussia to the command of the 4th division of the army; Prince Charles to the command of the 2nd. General Hedemann succeeds Prince Charles. No less than 54 staff officers (many of them actually in command of regiments) had been superseded in the course of a few days. An adjourned meeting to petition the King was held at Berlin on the evening of the 9th. It was numerously attended, but principally by curious spectators. Occasion was taken from it, however, to forbid all such meetings for the future. Measures had been adopted to prevent their recurrence—by force if necessary.

Numerous copies of a circular, breathing the deepest hostility to Russia, were distributed amongst the inhabitants of Königsberg on the 7th instant, from whom also an address to the King has been forwarded, which, amongst other matters, states, "It is through a real representation of the people—one springing from all classes—through the establishment of a German Parliament, and through the unconditional freedom of the press, that Germany will acquire the power of opposing all its enemies. We are animated by a true love for fatherland. May your Majesty place confidence in the people, and secure to us that which can alone save us."

The municipal authorities of Breslau have resolved to forward a deputation to Berlin, in order to obtain an audience of the King and *viva voce* (*mündlich*) to express the wishes of the people. The head burgomaster is appointed the head of the deputation. The garrison in Magdeburg has been nearly doubled, and the inhabitants have the option either of having the additional soldiers billeted on them, or of paying a certain sum to be dispensed from such "angel visits."

The King has not at once granted unlimited liberty of the press to his subjects; but we learn, from a Royal decree in the *Prussian State Gazette*, that after recapitulating the resolution of the German Diet, by which freedom of action in what relates to the press is left to the individual States of the Confederacy, his Majesty declares that he has instructed his Minister at Frankfurt to urge the Diet to the adoption of a further resolution directing the simultaneous introduction of freedom of the press into all the Germanic States. If this endeavour should prove unavailing, the King pledges himself to abolish the censorship at once in the Prussian dominions, and to refer the details of the law, as regards the press, to the Prussian Diet at its next meeting.

A letter from Berlin, of the 7th March, announces that the Polish Deputies, to the number of fifty, purpose giving in their resignations, not wishing to form a part of the German States General, as likely to affect Polish nationality. This resolution is, it is said, based on the treaty of 1815, which guarantees the national institutions to all the Polish provinces.

AUSTRIA.

From Presburg, in Hungary, we learn that the greatest agitation prevails in that kingdom. Events had taken a serious turn, so much so, that the Archduke Stephen had proceeded to Vienna, to ask for new instructions suited to the extraordinary and unexpected circumstances. An address had been forwarded by the States of Hungary to the Emperor, of so unusual a character, that the sensation it created cannot be matter of surprise. It demands the strict maintenance of the ancient Hungarian Constitution, and the appointment of a separate Ministry, the members of which shall be responsible to the people of Hungary.

Bohemia has not tarried in following the example of Hungary. Count Frederick Deym, the Kossuth of Bohemia, and twenty of the most eminent members of the Opposition, have proposed the immediate convocation of the Bohemian Diet. They give two reasons for taking this step:—First, "To express their loyal and true sentiments to the Throne, and to make any sacrifice that may be necessary, compatible with the interests of the State;" and secondly, "to lend their joyful co-operation to a development of the representation of the country." An address to this effect has been forwarded to Vienna. Bohemia is most inefficiently represented at the Diet, which is sufficiently proved by the fact that out of 300 towns, only four return representatives, and these four are often appointed by the King, instead of being elected by the people. Notwithstanding this, Bohemia has taken a firm position towards Austria, and the spirit of progress, which has so suddenly spread itself over the Continent, is felt there as elsewhere.

GERMAN STATES.

The Frankfurt journals of the 11th instant intimate that the Germanic Diet, sensible of the necessity of revising the federal constitution, is busy with a plan to be submitted to the Governments of the different states which compose the Confederation. It is also convinced that to ensure a favourable reception to the plan which may be ultimately resolved on among the body of the people, it is necessary to invite the concurrence of individuals not members of the Diet, who enjoy the popular confidence, in framing it. And to this end the Diet is understood to have requested all the Governments of the Confederation to accredit to it without delay persons answering this description.

From the kingdom of Saxony there is nothing decisive. Addresses continue to pour in from all the towns. The refrain of all of them is, "no alliance with Russia."

Munich continued tranquil on the 8th inst. There had been some disturbance at Augsburg on the 9th, but not of a serious nature. The peasantry (*Bauern*) were in commotion in the districts around Nuremberg on the 9th. On that day a deputation, 300 strong, entered the town to represent their grievances to the local authorities. This class has, more than any other in Bavaria, suffered from the petty tyranny of the subordinate magistracy.

Herr Duvernay, a distinguished liberal, has been nominated Minister of the

Interior by the King of Wurtemberg. The liberty of the press has been proclaimed in Saxony-Weimar.

Serious disturbances have broken out on the frontiers of Baden and Wurtemberg.

On the 10th inst. two bills were laid before the Chambers at Carlsruhe, for the purpose of abolishing all feudal rights, and one for indemnifying the parties concerned. The peasantry have broken out in insurrection in the vicinity of Wertheim, and in various parts of Hesse-Darmstadt. Troops have been marched from Mannheim to the disturbed districts. In Hanau affairs have taken a serious turn, thanks to the obstinacy of the Elector of Hesse-Cassel. The inhabitants are in open insurrection. On the night of the 10th inst. the gates of the town, which is celebrated for its numerous goldsmiths' shops, were barricaded, after the troops had either voluntarily withdrawn, or had been expelled.

From Hamburg advices to the 11th mention that the grant of the liberty of the press by the Senate having come too late, formidable demonstrations were being made to extort greater concessions; that business was at a standstill, and gloom and anxiety prevailed.

The Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, having heard of the arrival of the Duchess of Orleans in Germany, had sent one of his Aides-de-camp, Major de Zulow, to offer her and her children the Castle of Ludwigslust as a residence.

The students of the University of Munich, 1200 in number, were reviewed on the 7th by Prince Wallerstein. They afterwards took the oath of allegiance to the Constitution, and were incorporated with the landwehr.

The *Carlsruhe Gazette* of the 11th instant publishes a decree of the Grand Duke of Baden, abolishing all feudal rights.

The Germanic Diet has passed a solemn resolution, that "black, red, and gold are the colours and emblems of the Germanic Confederacy."

A letter from Gotha of the 8th states, that, as soon as the Duke arrived there from England, on the evening of the 7th, he caused a proclamation to be issued, granting equal political rights to all his subjects, a representative assembly, and freedom of the press; and this step of the Duke made an address needless, which his subjects had prepared to present him with. A deputation proceeded to his palace, to demand a National Guard and trial by jury, which was graciously conceded.

ITALY.

Letters from Rome of the 6th inst. state that the intelligence of the events of Paris having been received by a courier of the French Consul at Civita Vecchia, the entire population immediately repaired to the Academy of France to proclaim the French Republic. An address of the Senate had just been presented to the Pope, demanding the grant of the long-promised Constitution. After the manifestation made at the French Academy, the people proceeded to the Quirinal, to support, by the expression of their wishes, the prayer contained in the address of the Senate. They had next resolved to go to the French Embassy, to remove the armorial bearings of the former Government, but they were dissuaded from that project by their leaders.

Order was not disturbed at Rome, but the agitation was at its height. The following reply of the Pope to the address had somewhat allayed the effervescence:—"The events, I will not say which succeeded each other, but which have hurried on to a conclusion, justify the demand addressed to me by the senators in the name of the magistrates and the council. Everybody knows that I have been incessantly engaged in giving the Government the form claimed by those gentlemen and required by the people. But every body must understand the difficulty encountered by him who unites two supreme dignities. What can be effected in one night in a secular state, cannot be accomplished without mature examination in Rome, in consequence of the necessity to fix a line of separation between the two powers. Nevertheless, I hope that in a few days the constitution will be ready, and that I shall be able to proclaim a new form of Government, calculated to satisfy the people, and more particularly the Senate and the Council, who know better the state of affairs and the situation of the country. May the Almighty bless my desires and labours! If religion derives any advantage therefrom, I will throw myself at the feet of the crucified Jesus, to thank him for the events accomplished by his will, and I will be more satisfied as chief of the Universal Church than as a temporal prince, if they turn to the greatest glory of God."

The *Gazzetta di Roma* of the 3rd March contains an official proclamation of the Treasurer-General and Minister of Finance, announcing the introduction into the Papal States of the decimal system of currency and monetary unity, which obtains in France, and has already been established in Sardinia and the Duchy of Parma. In accordance with this decree, it is arranged that five-franc pieces of silver coinage, and 20-franc pieces of gold coinage, current in the Republic of France, the Kingdom of Sardinia, and the Grand Duchy of Parma, shall circulate in the States of the Church—the first at the rate of 93 bajocchi, and the second at the rate of 3 scudi 72 bajocchi, and their multiples of gold in the same ratio. This arrangement was to take effect in Rome from the date of the proclamation, viz. the 3rd of March, in the provinces of the Mediterranean and the "marches," and in the legation of Urbino and Pesaro from the 5th March, and in the legations of Bologna, Ferrara, Forlì, and Ravenna from the 6th March. The Treasurer and Minister of Finance will, in the interim, take measures for the coinage of the new currency.

From Milan we learn that the situation of Lombardy presented no new feature. The peace of the city and the kingdom in general was undisturbed; but the popular feeling against the Austrians remained the same. The special commission misnamed "martial law" and "state of siege" would come into operation on the 7th, but no cases occurred for its operation, and it acted only as a preventive measure.

At Turin the whole of the Cabinet had resigned, and Count Balbo, the author of the "*Esperanza da Italia*," and M. Pareto, a Genoese, were charged by the King with the formation of a new Ministry. The articles of the Constitution had been published, as well as the ordinance regulating the National Guard. The greatest content prevailed in the whole of the kingdom of Sardinia.

SWITZERLAND.

Advices from Switzerland state that a loan of 3,200,000 Swiss francs is to be negotiated at the following epochs:—500,000f. on April 1; 700,000f. on May 1, 1,000,000f. on June 1; 1,000,000f. on July 1. The loan guaranteed by the Confederacy is to be reimbursed by 1-10ths yearly, from the 31st Dec., 1849.

UNITED STATES AND MEXICO.

By the Royal Mail steam-ship *Hibernia*, Captain Shannon, we have dates from New York to the 26th ult., and Halifax to the 1st inst.

The *Hibernia* has brought £40,000 in specie on freight.

A treaty of peace has been concluded between the Mexican Commissioners and General Scott, in conjunction with Mr. Trist, which "defines the future boundary of the United States. The line commences in the Gulf of Mexico, three leagues from land; thence runs up the middle of the Rio Grande to its intersection with the southern boundary of New Mexico; thence along that southern boundary to the western boundary of same; thence north to the first branch of the Gila, which it intersects; thence down the middle of that branch of the river to the Colorado; thence it runs across westwardly, and strikes the Pacific at a point one league south of San Diego."

"Art. 4 stipulates that it shall be optional with citizens of Mexico now residing in the territory to be ceded, either to leave (taking with them or otherwise disposing of their property), or else, upon taking the oaths of allegiance to this Government, to be protected in the enjoyment of all the rights and immunities of citizens of the United States."

"Grants of land in the territory to be ceded made by the Mexican Government before the war, are by the next article to be respected by the United States."

"The next article provides that grants of land in Texas made by the Mexican Government prior to the year 1836 are also to be respected by the United States."

"The United States' Government shall take prompt and effectual measures for the defence of the border from Indian incursions. To this end both nations are to use their best endeavours."

"In consideration of the extension of the boundary of the United States made by this treaty, the United States' Government stipulates to pay to Mexico the sum of 15,000,000 dollars. In this sum are included the three millions appropriated last session for the furtherance of peace, and now subjected to Mr. Trist's order. This sum is to be paid to the Mexican Government immediately on the ratification of the treaty. The remaining 12,000,000 are to be paid either by instalments or in 6 per cent. stock, redeemable by the United States. The Government has the option of either mode of payment."

"The United States' Government undertakes all claims of American citizens against Mexico, both those already decided, amounting to 2,000,000 dollars, and those still undecided, amounting to about 3,000,000 dollars."

"The troops of the United States are to leave Mexico in three months after the ratification of the treaty, unless the sickly season should come on, in which event they are to retire to some healthy situation, and are to be furnished with supplies by the Mexican Government on amicable terms."

"The treaty is to be ratified by the President and Senate, and to be exchanged within four months after its ratification."

"The boundary of New Mexico is to be defined as laid down in Disturnell's Map of Mexico, published at New York in 1847."

A sad occurrence had suspended the sittings of Congress. On the 21st, while occupying his seat in the House of Representatives, apparently in his usual health, John Quincy Adams was seized with apoplexy, and but for the aid of some colleagues who sprang to catch him would have fallen to the ground. All that medical skill could do was tried, but in vain; he died on the 23rd.

Mr. Clay met with a most enthusiastic reception at Philadelphia, on the 24th ult.

Later advices, coming down to the 29th ult., state that it was understood that the treaty with Mexico would be ratified by Congress.

Vera Cruz advices of the 16th state that Santa Anna was to be imprisoned.

CANADA.

Our Canadian advices inform us that the Parliament was duly assembled on the 25th ult.

The Legislative Assembly has elected Augustus Morin its Speaker. The Inspector-General proposed Sir Allen McNab, which was seconded by Colonel Prince, but he was defeated, having only nineteen votes in his favour.

Mr. Morin is the Liberal candidate.

BRAZIL.

According to letters from Rio, dated Jan. 24, Lord Howden has communicated to the commercial body, through our Consul, that all his endeavours to contract a treaty with the Brazilian Government had been frustrated, and that in consequence all further negotiations are suspended until he receives instructions from the Government at home, which he expected by the January packet. Should nothing be arranged between the two Cabinets, imports of British produce will be amenable to one-third more duties than articles of the growth and manufacture of other countries whose laws are more favourable to Brazilian interests.

EPITOME OF NEWS—FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC.

The *United Service Gazette* states "on good authority" that the Duc de Montpensier was sent for to the Privy Council, held on Wednesday (last week), and informed that he must leave the country.

Recently a fine large vein of lead ore has been discovered in the manor of Hartsop, Patterdale, of which the Earl of Lonsdale is lord. The ore is of the best quality, and there is no doubt but that it will realise large profits.

At Perth, lately, in consequence of some pending dispute between a minister and his session-clerk, the roll of banns of marriage for seven couple was not proclaimed in church. The marriages of five which were fixed for the following week had, consequently, to be postponed.

Mr. Antony Schrack is appointed Registrar of the Supreme Court of Demerara and Essequibo, British Guiana, in the place of Mr. Wilday, deceased.

The Hon. Grantley Berkeley has resigned the command of the Berkeley Squadron of the Royal Gloucestershire & Comanry Cavalry.

The disorderly crowds in Trafalgar-square have swept away the unsightly hoarding from the base of the Nelson Column. It needed a supernatural interposition.

The Right Hon. the Speaker of the House of Commons gave his first leave for the present session on Saturday night, at his residence in Eaton-square.

The *Francis Weston*, Frederick, of Warkworth, from Liverpool to Shields, was wrecked on the coast of Norway on the 2nd ult., crew saved.

The Provisional Government of France abolishes provisionally, and subject to the sanction of the National Assembly as to the future, the law of arrest for debt.

In the case of Annette Meyers, the prisoner's life will be spared, and a respite of the sentence of death has been issued by command of her Majesty, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State.

The French Provisional Government have ordered a Polish legion to be immediately formed.

It is said that General Dumas, who had accompanied Louis Philippe to England, has returned to Paris in order to solicit of the Government pecuniary assistance for the Orleans family.

The petition in favour of the transfer of the Bristol Docks to the city has received about 17,000 signatures.

On the 6th inst. orders were received at Brest to arm the forts in the roads.

The Duchess of Orleans arrived at Berlin on the 3d.

The *Catherine*, from Ibrail for Cork or Falmouth, was abandoned on the 28th of February, lat. 46, long. 11, dismasted, and in a sinking state—crew taken off by the *Eblana*.

At the battle of Ivry, Henri Quatre assured his followers that where the danger was greatest they would find his plume, the *panache blanc*. His descendant, Louis Philippe, had a similar notion; in the moment of danger he showed the *white feather*.

The principal of the most important Greek commercial house at Mar-seilles, M. Baltazzi, banker of the Sultan at Constantinople, has paid 600,000f. in specie in exchange for bills of that establishment, announcing, at the same time, that in a few days he would pay a further sum of a million in specie.

The Lord Primate has appointed the consecration of Dr. Hampden to take place on Sunday, the 26th instant, at Lambeth Palace. All further proceedings have, it is said, been abandoned relative to the reverend prelate's appointment to the see of Hereford.

It is said that the celebrated M. de Ville, Minister of the Restoration, is in Paris.

Dr. Graham, Master of Christ's College, Cambridge, has been appointed to the vacant Bishopric of Chester.

M. Louis Blanc is about to proceed to Lyons, where serious differences have arisen between the workmen and manufacturers.

The *National* affirms that the only diplomatic appointment yet made is that of General Thiard as Ambassador in Switzerland.

His Excellency Lieutenant-General the Marquis of Tweeddale, K.T., C.B., by letters received in town on Saturday, intended to leave Madras, in her Majesty's frigate *Fox*, 42 guns, Commodore Sir Henry Blackwood, Bart., on the 25th of January, for England.

La Liberté justly ridicules the silly mania of changing the names of the schools, theatres, &c., and asks whether the "Royal Tiger" is henceforth to be called the "National Tiger."

The immediate organization of an efficient police force for Paris is under the consideration of Government. It will be modelled on that of London.

Mr. Matthews, the counsel who defended the convict McCabe, has received a communication from Mr. Justice Patterson, to the effect that the final ultimatum of the Home Office is that Patrick McCabe be transported for life.

The Members of the Opposition in the ex-Chamber of Deputies (France) are stated to intend standing as candidates in the impending elections.

The Republic has been proclaimed at Algiers, without any opposition.

The *Comus*, 18, Commander d'Eyncourt, instead of being a total wreck, as alleged, would, according to letters recently received from the River Plate, be completely refitted, and be ready by about January 15th to leave for England, to be paid off.

A numerous body of the mercantile and trading interests of London having signified their approval of bankers closing their counter business at four o'clock, instead of five o'clock, on and after the 1st of May next, the Bank of England, the City bankers, and the Joint Stock Banks will close for the receipt and payment of money at four o'clock.

Admiral Sir William Hall Gage, G.C.H., one of the Lords of the Admiralty under the late Administration, will be the successor to Sir John West, on the 15th of next month, as Commander-in-Chief at Devonport.

Miss Helen Faucit, who has been recently fulfilling an engagement in Edinburgh, created a profound sensation in the character of *Desdemona*.

Mary Ann Hunt, who was tried at the last June sessions for the murder of an aged female, of the name of Stowell, in the Edgeware-road, has been removed to Tothill-fields Prison, where she is to remain for two years, for the purpose of attending to, and bringing up her child; but at the expiration of that period the commuted sentence of transportation for life will be carried into effect, when her child will be allowed to accompany her.

Letters from Cannes state that Lord Brougham was recovering from his recent severe illness. His Lordship has been confined ten days to his bed by a quinsy, and had to undergo the operation of lancing three times.

His Excellency Count Schimmelpennick, the Netherlands Minister, left London on Saturday morning, by the General Steam Navigation Company's mail steam-ship *Rainbow*, for Rotterdam.

Mendelssohn's fine oratorio "St. Paul" was performed at Exeter Hall, on Wednesday, by the Sacred Harmonic Society.

Tom Thumb had a narrow escape from drowning during a collision of steamers on the Mississippi, on the 6th ult. There was a great confusion in the boat, but Mr. Barnum picked up the mannikin and bore him safe to the shore.

An English brig, of about 250 tons burden, and apparently north of England built, was lately seen to fall on her beam ends and founder, about 150 miles S.W. of Ushant, by the *Titanica*, Storey, from Cardiff to Naples.

During the last few days the Bank of France has sent more than 20,000,000f. in specie to its branch banks in the departments.

In an address delivered by Mr. Macready to a Newcastle audience, he informed his friends there that "he proposed retiring from the stage at an early day, not because he felt age creeping upon him, or his faculties or energies impaired, but because of the present deplorable condition of our national drama."

On Sunday morning, near Basingstoke, on the South-western Railway, a guard of the goods train was improperly riding with the engineer and stoker, when the chain which connects the engine with the tender broke. The guard was thrown off and killed. The train ran over him, and mutilated his body in a shocking manner.

A Council for the defence of the French Republic has been appointed: it consists of M. Arago, Generals Pulel, Lamoricière, Bedeau, Oudinot, Pailhon, Vallant, and M. Dennée, a military "intendant."

The Tagus fleet, under the command of Sir C. Napier, is ordered to Cork.

A medal of honour, encircled with diamonds, to be worn round the neck, suspended by a ribbon, being the Imperial Order of St. Andri, has been conferred on Signor Rubini, the celebrated tenor, by the Emperor of Russia.

Lord Cowley has obtained a most important concession from the Ottoman Sultan; the recognition of the Protestants of Turkey as a separate and legally constituted community.

The Italian tri-colour is green, white, and red. The French tri-colour is red, blue, and white—formerly the household livery of *Egalité*, Duke of Orleans. The buff and blue, of the Whig party, when George the Third was King, was the livery of Fox.

The population of the United States during 1847 amounted to 20,746,400.

The numbers for trial at the present Galway assizes are 650; of whom 11 are charged with murder, 5 with an attempt to murder, 45 for cattle lifting, 230 for sheep stealing, and over 150 for larcenies.

An inquest was held in Wexford, on the body of Capt. Ennis, of the *Tigrits*, lately arrived from Constantinople. Several of the crew had fallen sick, and the captain died. The inquest found a verdict, fully substantiated by the evidence, that the cause of death was attributable to the consumption of pork kept in a leaden cistern on board the vessel.

A letter from Copenhagen says, that it is the intention of the King of Denmark to reunite himself with his second wife, from whom he was separated some time since. The Queen is not indisposed to this reunion. She has been for some days at Berlin, with her relative, the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz.

The vessel *Ganges*, arrived in the docks from Sydney, has brought, as a portion of her general cargo, two cases of bullion, consigned to order.

The Honourable Charles Edward Pepys has been appointed Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, in the room of Leonard Edmunds, Esq.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Thomas H. Hyatt, as Consul at Belfast for the United States of America.



"RELIEF FOR THE WOUNDED."

PICTURES OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION.

THE first of these scenes is of a more humanizing character than its companion. The physical conflict is over, the wounded are lodged in ambulances, and alms are begged for their relief at every turn. A few stones are heaped together, perhaps taken from the nearest barricade; and upon them is placed a *tronc pour les blessés*, to receive the contributions of the public. Our Artist's Sketch is from the life: a woman, of middle station, is dropping her mite into the treasury. The persons around her are very characteristic; the little girl looks on in sorrowful sympathy, which extends to the boy, though he is learning thus early to wield the weapon of death. The man in the frock, bearing a bayoneted gun, is imploring alms: he is listened to by the seated guard, but the raw recruit is not so moved. The boy with the shouldered sword and the cockade, and the man behind him in cap and blouse, belong to a class of the people who must be regarded as not the least efficient agents in the recent Revolution.

SCENE AT THE BARRIER OF ST. DENIS.

THE Quarters of St. Martin and St. Denis, it is well known, were the hot-beds of the late Revolution; and the Illustration shows one of the early stages of the conflict, at the Barrier of St. Denis, with the approach of a band of the Revolutionists.

The Barrier of St. Denis is at the entrance into Paris, from the Boulogne road; and this was a point of considerable importance in the struggle, since this gate is the nearest to Vincennes, whence supplies of ammunition were expected to arrive.

A Correspondent, who was among the first English visitors

after the Revolution, states that "at the Barrier of St. Denis was a powerful and striking illustration of the character of the revolt. The houses of the Corps de Garde and the Octroi were entirely in ruins, and exhibited the effects of a most violent conflict; and, judging from the walls, cannon had been employed. Here might be seen curious specimens of the powers now in possession of Paris; and *citoyens* had entire control over all that passed either way through the Barrier. The crowd was by no means great, and, considering the state of things, exceedingly orderly and polite."

A Correspondent of the *Times* bears the following testimony to the honesty of the people of this Quarter:—

"And those men of the barricades—those grim-looking, terrific men of Wednesday and Thursday last—those unwashed, ill-dressed, tattered men of the Quarters of St. Martin and St. Denis, and of the Halle, and of the Hôtel de Ville, and of the Faubourg St. Antoine, whose appearance and whose cries were appalling—where are they? They have returned modestly to their hard labour—to the practice of their admirable industry—to their privations and their endurance."

"Let those men be known to the world. The great mass of the combatants of the 22d, 23d, and 24th of February were the poor hard-working classes of the Parisians. They were labourers at the ports, shoemakers, sawyers, carpenters, shoe-blacks; in a word, the operatives and labourers of the capital. What did they? They believed that the late Government had cheated them of the fruits of their Revolution of July. They waited the proper moment for reconquering their rights, and they went at it without arms, taking their chance of finding a dead enemy,

and of arming themselves with his weapons. And when, by a succession of miracles, their courage and their constancy were rewarded by the most splendid victory ever achieved by insurgents, what did they?—rob, pillage, murder?"

"Search the columns of the newspapers, demand of the thousands of English and other foreign residents of Paris during the severe struggle, and they will tell you that those men, so hideous and so terrible in the streets and at the barricades, so infuriated by the slaughter of their friends, seized the earliest opportunity for leaving the *chose publique* to be looked after by honest competent men, and returned to their workshops, their hovels, and their poverty, proud—for that too should be known—proud of having once more conquered liberty for their country."

IRELAND.

The eddy of the great Revolutionary wave has extended to Ireland, and "sympathy" with the French Republic has become the motto of the more violent or earnest of the Repealers.

Yesterday (Friday) being the anniversary of the National Patron Saint, had been for some time past fixed upon as the day on which aggregate Repeal meetings should be held in every parish throughout the country, while in Dublin a demonstration on a gigantic scale, consisting of a procession, public meeting, &c., was to take place. The violent language of the leaders and the journals of the Young Ireland party have created some apprehension that the tranquillity of the city would be disturbed but we trust these fears may be shown to have been groundless.

The provost and board of Trinity College met on Sunday after divine service, when an address to his excellency the Lord Lieutenant was unanimously agreed to, expressive of confidence in his Excellency's wisdom, and a determination to uphold the peace of the city. His Excellency returned a suitable reply.

Every arrival from the north of Ireland brings reports of the meetings of Orange lodges, and of addresses of confidence in the Lord Lieutenant, with assurances of readiness to come forward whenever required and render every support to a Government determined to maintain the peace and order of the community.

The Government have taken measures to suppress disturbances, should, unfortunately, any attempt of the kind be made. Besides the garrison of Dublin, which is about 4000 strong, 2000 more are being called in from the surrounding districts. Twelve troops of cavalry have arrived from Dundalk, Newry, and Newbridge, some of whom have been quartered in our cavalry barracks, and the remainder furnished with temporary accommodation in our large livery establishments. Four regiments of infantry—75th, 85th, 55th, and 2nd—have either arrived or are moving in the city, and the artillery corps at the Pigeon-house has been strengthened. All the infantry have been served with ninety rounds per man—sixty in cartouche-box, and thirty in knapsack.

At a Privy Council held on Saturday, the Lord Chancellor issued commissions of the peace for the borough and county of Dublin to the following staff officers of the garrison:—Lieutenant-Colonel Forster, K.H.; Lieutenant-Colonel Graves; Colonel Cochrane, C.B.; Colonel Frith; Colonel Gordon; Major Draper, and Captain Leycester Smith.

The petition for tenant right at Carrickmacross has received the immense amount of 20,000 signatures. In a rural district, and within so brief a time, this is unexampled.

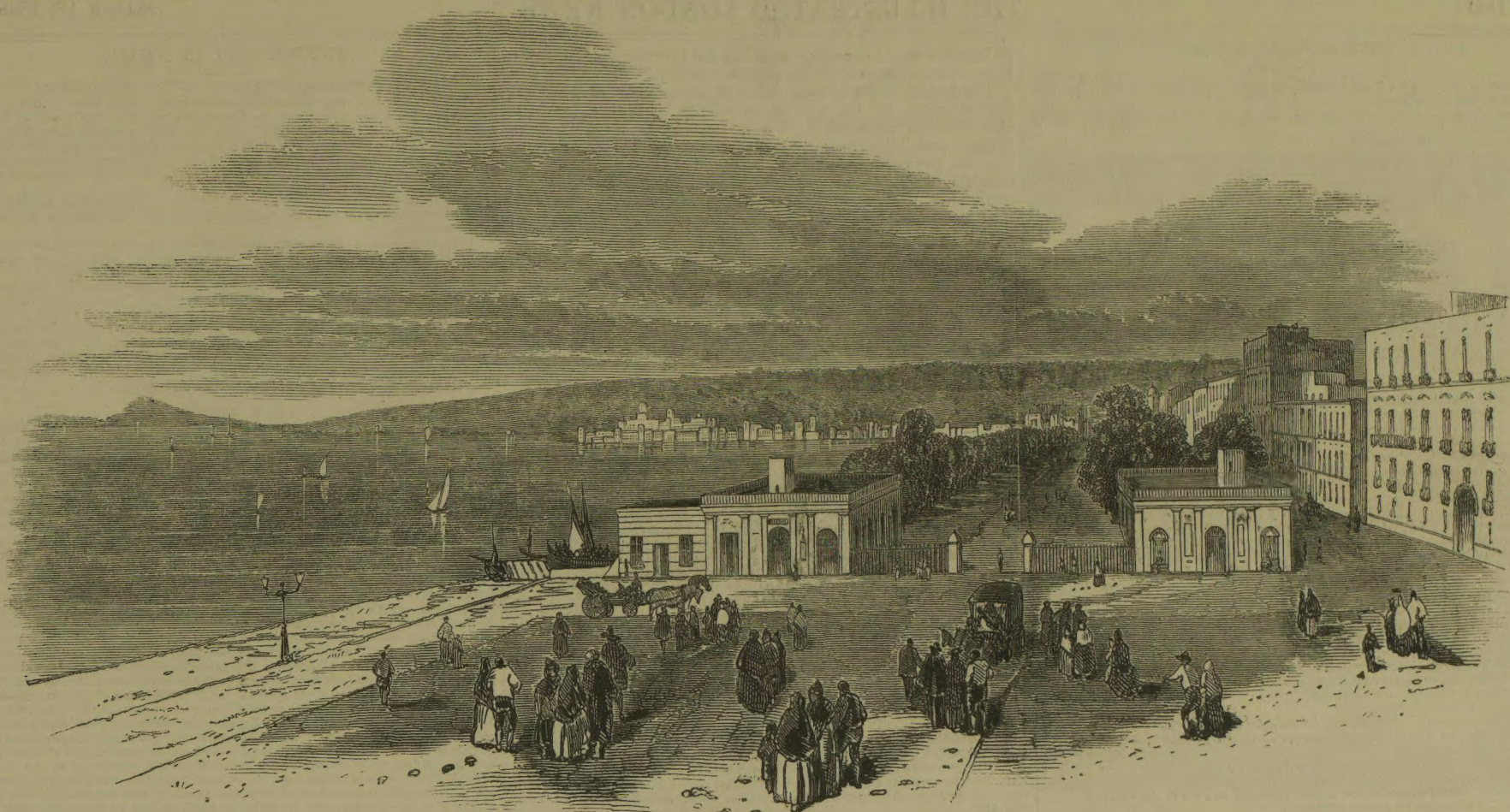
CONCILIATION HALL.—The Repeal Association received an acquisition on Monday at its usual weekly meeting in the person of the Earl of Miltown, who, though a Liberal and Radical, has now for the first time assumed the Repeal colours. His adhesion was quite unexpected, and excited much enthusiasm. His Lordship spoke at considerable length, and forcibly dwelt upon the moral force principle as the true sword of combat. The Association would take no part in the street proceedings on Friday. The Old Ireland force would attend the ward meetings, which would have the effect of diminishing the processional crowds and keeping down their fervour. Rent for the week, £42 3s. 7d.

KINSALE ELECTION.—Mr. Hawes has been returned by a majority of three, the numbers being:—Hawes, 97; Clinton, 94.

A MYSTERY.—Some weeks since, it appears, an individual, who refused to give any name, called on Lord Auckland, as Vice-President of the Council of University College, and announced his intention to give £5000 to the College, to be a fixed fund at the disposal of the Council, on condition that the Council should consent to give to the fund such ordinary English surname as he should prescribe at the time of paying the money. In the event of this condition being accepted, the Council were to advertise their acceptance in the *Times* on two successive days, which Z. A. named. The Council did not, it would seem, consider that there was anything in the terms for which £5000 was not a good and sufficient equivalent. The advertisements were accordingly inserted; but nothing more was heard of Z. A. for some days after the second had appeared. On the 29th of February, however (the rarer day the rarer deed), Z. A. made his appearance at the Admiralty, and handed over to Lord Auckland £5000 in Bank of England notes—intimating at the same time the fund was to be called "The Andrews Fund." We believe an understanding exists that no attempts are to be made to trace the donor—and his name is not to be divulged if by accident it should be discovered.



CONFLICT AT THE BARRIER ST. DENIS



NAPLES.—THE CHIAJA, OR QUAY.—FROM AN ORIGINAL SKETCH.

NAPLES.

Letters from Naples of the 9th state that the King had appointed a Provisional Ministry, composed of Prince Cariati, President of the Council; Commander Spinelli, Minister for Foreign Affairs; M. Copomazza, formerly Attorney-General in the Court of Cassation, Minister of Justice; and M. della Valle, Minister of Finance. Sicily was more determined than ever to separate from Naples, and King Ferdinand was then preparing an expedition against that island. Messina had been bombarded during five days. The proclamation of the Republic in France had produced the greatest enthusiasm in Naples.

Lord Minto was at Naples. Admiral Sir William Parker and two ships of the line and two war-steamer were in the bay, as well as a French and Austrian man-of-war.

The annexed Sketch, by an Artist resident at Naples, shows "the Chiaja," or Quay, which lies between the hill of Saint Elmo and the point of Pizzofalcone, and affords a carriage communication between Toledo and the western crescent, or new portion of the town. This part, which is much contracted between the hills and the sea, extends in length about a mile and a half between the hill

of Pizzofalcone to the east, and that of Posilipo to the west. A fine road runs all this length, parallel to the sea-shores, and between the public gardens on one side and a row of fine houses on the other; it then turns round the base of Mount Posilipo, and gradually ascending it, leads to the other side of it towards Pozzuoli.

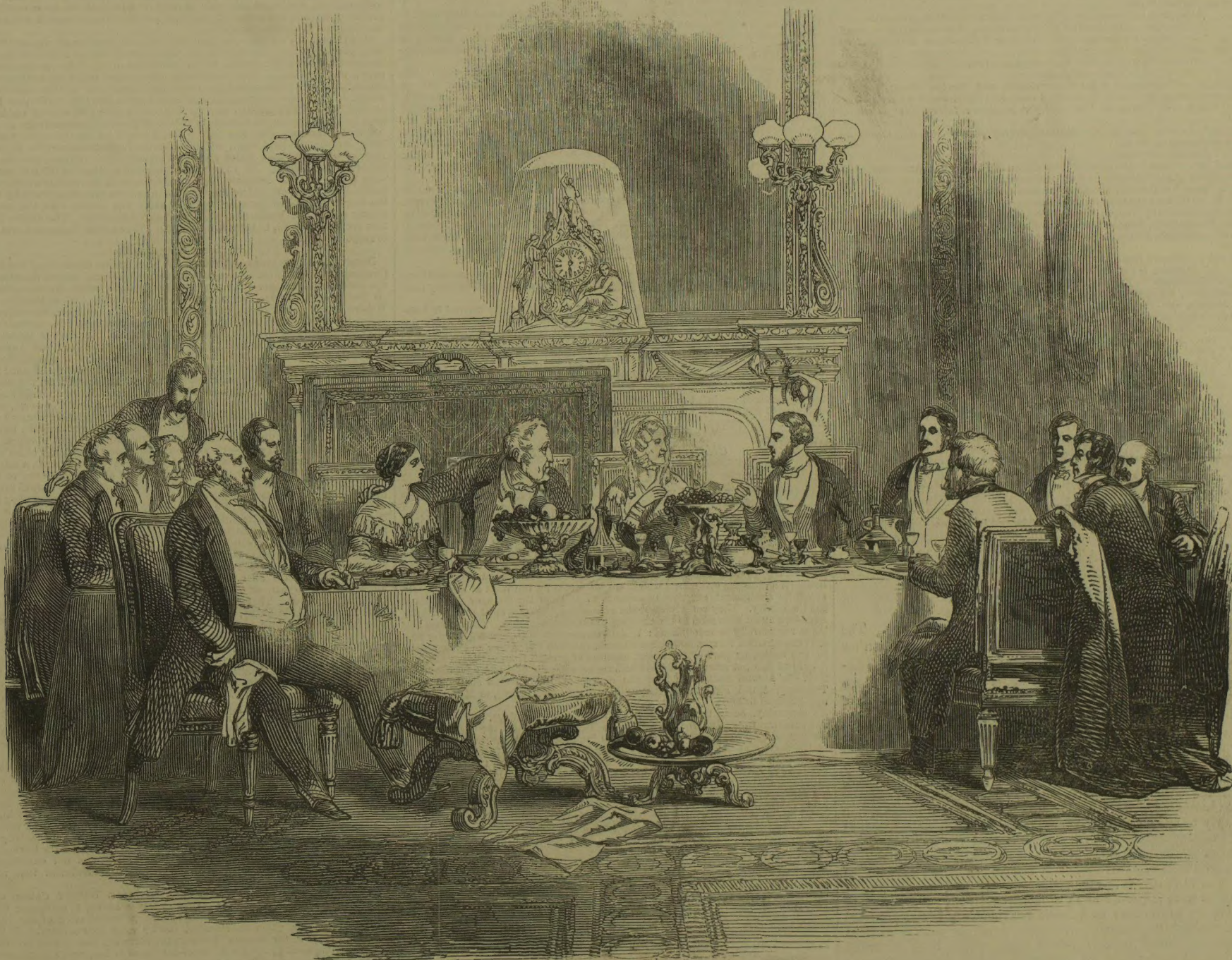
ENGLISH WORKMEN AT BOULOGNE.—A correspondent at Boulogne requests us, at the desire of many of the authorities of that place, to contradict a statement going the rounds of the papers, that all the English employed at the factories and otherwise, in Boulogne, have been discharged. Such, it appears, is not the fact. Not one has been discharged up to this moment from any of their employments in or near the town; and nothing can be better than the feelings that exist between the whole body of English and French inhabitants.

PASSENGERS TO BOULOGNE.—The number of passengers to Boulogne during the week ending the 5th of March was 1323, of which 369 were from England to Boulogne, 954 from Boulogne to England. The excess of the latter this week is remarkable. Of those from England 230 were from Folkestone, 100 from Dover, and 30 from London. Of those from Boulogne 690 were to Folkestone, 67 to Dover, and 197 to London. The total number of passengers between England and Calais was 264.

LOUIS PHILIPPE AT CLAREMONT.

THE Illustration shows the Count and Countess de Neully domesticated in one of the principal saloons of Claremont, which, by the way, has all the appointments of a palace. These personages formed the Royal party on the first day after their arrival at Claremont.

The Count and Countess remain here in retirement, surrounded by the members of their family circle. During the past week the Count has received visits from very many of his personal friends, including several members of the aristocracy. M. Guizot has been to Claremont more than once since his arrival in this country. The Duke de Montebello and M. Duchâtel have also paid personal visits to their late Royal master in his retirement. Both the Count and Countess are said to be in good health. The terrible change in the fortunes of the ex-Royal pair appears to affect them less (as far as may be gathered from outward appearance) than might have been expected. The Count takes occasional airings in a private carriage in the vicinity of his retreat, and is everywhere received with marked respect by the inhabitants of the neighbourhood. This observation also applies to the younger branches of the exiled family. The ex-Royal family again attend divine service at the Catholic Chapel, Weybridge.



LOUIS PHILIPPE AT CLAREMONT.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK.

SUNDAY, March 19.—Second Sunday in Lent. Full Moon at 9h. 11m. P.M. Total eclipse of the Moon.
 MONDAY, 20.—At 11h. 19m. A.M. the Sun enters the sign Aries, and Spring commences. Vernal equinox.
 TUESDAY, 21.—St. Benedict.
 WEDNESDAY, 22.—The Sun rises at 5h. 59m., and sets at 6h. 16m.
 THURSDAY, 23.—The length of the Day is 12h. 21m., and the Day has increased 4h. 36m. since the shortest Day.
 FRIDAY, 24.—Day breaks at 5h. 59m., and Twilight ends at 8h. 15m.
 SATURDAY, 25.—Annunciation. Lady Day.

TIMES OF HIGH WATER AT LONDON BRIDGE,
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 25.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
M. 10.20 A. 10.20	M. 10.20 A. 10.20	M. 10.20 A. 10.20	M. 10.20 A. 10.20	M. 10.20 A. 10.20	M. 10.20 A. 10.20	M. 10.20 A. 10.20

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Caledonia," "Live and Learn," and "J. R. W." Lomas.—In answer to these correspondents relative to the family of Orleans, we beg to state, the fullest possible account of the existing members of the family of Louis Philippe and of his ancestry will be found in Mr. Burke's "Patrician," for September 1845.
 "Zenobia."—The titles of the Princes of the House of Orleans have usually been chosen from names of note in the history of the family. The Sieur de Joinville was the companion-in-arms and historian of St. Louis, from whom the House of Bourbon and that of Orleans sprung. The Prince of Joinville is most probably so called from this eminent personage; and the style of Prince, instead of that of Duke, was given to him because there was no Dukedom called Joinville.
 "A Constant Subscriber." Brighton.—The reasons we have heard assigned for adopting a tubular bridge over the river Conway, in preference to a stone one, are the great depth of the stream, and consequent prodigious outlay of money required to erect a stone bridge.
 "A. Y. L."—We cannot.
 "P. B." should apply to one of the Secretaries to the Art Union.
 "E. V." Farnham.—Lines declined.
 "A Subscriber." Liverpool.—Yours is the only objection we have received.
 "Lincoln."—The agreement will suffice.
 "An Ambitious Youth" should first read "Real Life in India," just published!
 "P. P. F."—See the Population Census published in Vol. 3 of our Journal.
 "J. R."—The matter does not seem to require explanation.
 "R. S." (Six Questions).—Forbear.
 "J. S. S." Strand.—Declined.
 "O. B." Preston.—Lord John Russell fills the office of Premier for the first time.
 "A Subscriber ab initio." Bognor.—A work on Church furniture, &c., is published by Bell, Fleet-street.
 "A Constant Reader, C."—The marriage will be valid.
 "W. E." near Bromsgrove, is thanked.
 "Wireworm" should consult the work lately published on Pests to Agriculture.
 "J. E. F." Paddock.—We cannot advise you.
 "Scrutator."—The circumstance was accidental.
 "F. A. D." Deconport.—The Sketch, &c., has been returned to Greenwich Hospital.
 "Milton" may rest assured of the safety of the savings' banks.
 "Cornelius." Camden Town, should advertise.
 "H. D. A." New York, is thanked.
 "T. H. F. R."—We have not room for your letter of three folios.
 "M. L. A." Stamford; "O. M." "T. S." Dublin; "X. Y. Z." "Sophia"; "A Constant Reader"; "B. T." Ross; "An Inquirer"; "W. G. P." "Librarian"; "Scur Marthe"; "R. A. O." "J. S." Hitchin; "A. L." "Agricola"; "H. E." Gloucester; "V. T." Brighton; "Dubitas"; "Mr. Furnis"; "J. C." Leek; "J. S." Edinburgh; "T. R." Walsley; "E. J. M." Swansea.—Your questions are not of a class demanding to be replied to in a newspaper. We may add that matters of derivation and pronunciation belong to this category.
 "A Correspondent."—Mr. Milner Gibson, M.P., was born in 1809 or 1810.
 "A Veritable Ignoramus."—Charles X. died in Germany, 6th Nov., 1836.
 "Pearson."—We are inclined to think that the motto being upon an heraldic garter would subject the person who used it on his seal to the tax for armorial bearings.
 "Job Clarkson."—Erin is pronounced with the E long.
 "F. M."—There is no ensign in a cavalry regiment.
 "Marion," who supposes a friend to have left some money in the Three per Cent. Consols, should apply to the principal of the Consol Office, at the Bank of England, who, upon the production of the probate of the will, and being assured of the respectability of the party requiring the information, will afford every facility for pursuing the investigation.
 "T. M." Chelmsford.—The salary of the Prime Minister is £6000 per annum.
 "W. J. V." Mildenhall.—Dr. Golding Bird's "Natural Philosophy" is a sound work. "Lardner on the Steam-engine," and the "Treatise on Mechanics," by Lardner and Kater, are also accredited works.
 "E. G." Oxford.—We have no faith in Foreign Lotteries.
 "J. R. H." and "J. S." Econ.—Ineligible.
 "J. T. R. V."—We remember a paper on "English and Foreign Woods," in the "Transactions of the Society of Arts." A work on "Taxidermy" is published by Van Voorst. We believe the "Manual for Mechanics' Institutions" is out of print.
 "J. D. D." Camden New Town, is thanked for the piece of Latinity, though we have not room to print it.
 "A. C." Portsea.—Declined.
 "W. M." St. Alban's.—The practical instructions will be given in the 4th and concluding part of the "History of Wood Engraving."
 "Amicus Senex" is thanked, but his suggestions arrived too late.
 "J. D. H."—We have not room for the Sonnet.
 "A Novice."—Declined. Apply to any dealer in hard woods.
 "E. C." Wandsworth Road.—The copies shall be exchanged, if sent to our office.
 "Piston."—The Office for the Registration of Designs is at No. 35, Lincoln's Inn Fields.
 "A Reader."—Watts's Logic.
 "W. S. J." Sheffield, is thanked.
 "Omega." Northwich.—The "History of Wood Engraving," now publishing in a separate form, originally appeared in Vol. 4 of our Journal. The letter-press has, however, been revised and extended, and several illustrations added. See Pittman's works on Phonography.
 "Macaroni." Newport.—In any large collection of French Songs.
 "A New Subscriber" had better send his "Vie" to a bookbinder.
 "D. W." will be liable.
 "R. A."—We have no means at hand of ascertaining.
 "Dot."—Not received.
 "A Constant Reader."—Certainly.
 "Elgee." Montreal, is thanked; but we have not room.
 "A Subscriber." Liverpool.—Our "Fine Arts" Illustrations will be resumed shortly.
 "Rusticus" can compel payment by the party making himself responsible by letter.
 "Shree." Ireland, should consult a solicitor.
 "A Constant Reader."—Albani did not sing in "Norma," last season, at the Royal Italian Opera.
 "B. B."—The natural compass of Middle Lind's voice extends to D in alto, down to E on the first line treble cleff.

* Several notices are unavoidably deferred.

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS.

LONDON, SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1845.

THE Income Tax is permanently saddled upon the country. The large majority on Monday night against Mr. Hume's motion for restricting its duration to one year decides, at least as far as the Legislature is concerned, the question of its re-imposition for three years certain; and we fear beyond that period, for any length of time the Minister of the day may think fit to demand it.

That there will always be found specious reasons by any future Government for the renewal of a tax that yields so readily the large amount of five or six millions sterling, its history since 1842 proves clearly enough; and the man who expects that at the end of the next three years this odious impost will be abandoned, has a fund of sanguine hope at his disposal that may fairly be envied indeed. We are not of such happy mood; and we would, therefore, in the belief that the tax will ultimately become an established source of revenue to the Treasury, point to the absolute necessity there exists of remedying its present inequalities, so as to render it less oppressive and intolerable in its operation. If it were apportioned in a fairer and juster manner,—not confounding, as it does at present, the remuneration of personal labour, bodily or mental, with the revenues derived from real property,—the general odium with which it is regarded would in all probability be dissipated, and the public become reconciled to the burden. Mr. Wilson, in the debate on Friday night, correctly observed—"A conviction of its injustice had sunk deep into the minds and hearts of almost all classes of the community; and he apprehended that if some attempt were not made to secure greater equality, the discontent which the persuasion of

its injustice would engender could not fail to endanger—at least to some extent—the whole finances of the country."

The danger is obvious enough. If large bodies of those who are subjected to the tax become fully impressed with an idea that the assessment of it is arranged in a spirit of unfairness and injustice, they will deem every means of evading its payment legitimate; they will in a thousand ways smuggle their incomes through the tax-collectors' rules and regulations, as successfully as the contraband trader does his wares through those of the Custom-house officers; and when the Minister, having foregone other sources of the public revenue, fancies that he may safely rely on a large return from this hated source, to meet his estimates of the national expenditure, he may, in the moment of his greatest need, find himself Lord of an empty Exchequer, and the credit of the country perilled.

To obviate such a danger is the bounden duty of the present Government; and no difficulties in the way of so desirable a measure should, for a moment, weigh with them in the consideration of the subject.

THE WEATHER.

The weather, during the past week, has been unsettled; rain has frequently fallen, the sky has been chiefly covered by cloud, and the temperature has been somewhat below the average for the season.

The following are some particulars of each day:—Thursday, the clouds were broken frequently during the day; a misty rain was falling during the afternoon; the direction of the wind was W.S.W.; and the average temperature of the air for the day was 47°. Friday, the sky was cloudless early in the morning, and chiefly cloudy afterwards; a slight rain fell in the evening; the direction of the wind was S.W.; and the average temperature for the day was 42°. Saturday, there were frequent squalls of wind and rain, and considerable variations of temperature took place during their continuance; the sky was mostly overcast; the direction of the wind was S.W.; and the average temperature for the day was 41°. Sunday, the sky was overcast, with the exception of a few breaks in the clouds, to a small extent, in the afternoon; there were occasional dashing showers of rain; at noon a considerable gloom prevailed; the direction of the wind was S.W., and at times blew strongly; the average temperature for the day was 41°. Monday, at about noon, there were considerable portions of the sky free from clouds, at all other times it was overcast; rain was falling heavily from 4h. P.M. to 7h. P.M., and occasionally afterwards; the direction of the wind was N.W. and then N.; the average temperature of the air was 38°. Tuesday, the sky was chiefly overcast till late in the evening, when it became almost cloudless, but a thick haze still prevailed; the directions of the wind were N. and S.S.W.; the average temperature for the day was 40°. Wednesday, the sky was overcast all day; rain was falling heavily from 4h. P.M. to 6h. P.M., and occasionally afterwards; the direction of the wind was W.; the average temperature of the air for the day was 40°, and that for the week was 41°.

The following are the extreme thermometrical readings for each day:—

Thursday, March 9, the highest during the day was 54 deg., and the lowest was 43 deg.	
Friday, March 10,	47 38
Saturday, March 11,	45 37
Sunday, March 12,	43 39
Monday, March 13,	42 34
Tuesday, March 14,	50 31
Wednesday, March 15,	42 31
Blackheath, Thursday, March 16, 1845.	J. G.

COURT AND HAUT TON.

On Saturday the Queen and Prince Albert took their usual early walk. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent visited her Majesty. His Royal Highness Prince Albert rode out on horseback in the morning, attended by his Equerry in Waiting. The Prince of Wales, Prince Alfred, the Princess Royal, and the Princess Alice took their accustomed airings. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent dined with her Majesty and Prince Albert in the evening.

On Sunday morning the Queen walked out in the garden of the Palace. His Royal Highness Prince Albert, her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, the ladies and gentlemen of the Court, and the domestic household attended divine service in the private chapel in the Palace. The Hon. and Rev. C. Leslie Courtenay officiated. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge visited her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent at her residence, Clarence House, St. James's.

On Monday the Queen and Prince Albert took their accustomed early walk in the gardens of Buckingham Palace. His Royal Highness Prince Albert rode out on horseback attended by his Equerry in Waiting, Colonel Bouvier. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent visited her Majesty and Prince Albert at Buckingham Palace.

On Tuesday the Queen and Prince Albert took their usual early walk. Her Majesty again promenaded in the afternoon. Lord John Russell had an audience of her Majesty, and shortly afterwards left town for St. Leonard's, Hastings. His Royal Highness Prince Albert rode out on horseback, attended by Colonel Bouvier, Equerry in Waiting. His Royal Highness visited her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, at her residence, Clarence House, St. James's. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales, Prince Alfred, the Princess Royal, and the Princess Alice took walking and pony exercise in the Royal gardens. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent dined with her Majesty and Prince Albert at Buckingham Palace.

On Wednesday her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent visited the Queen at Buckingham Palace, and partook of luncheon with her Majesty and Prince Albert. His Royal Highness Prince Albert rode out on horseback, attended by Colonel Bouvier, Equerry in Waiting. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales, Prince Alfred, the Princess Royal, and the Princess Alice took their accustomed airings.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS DE MONTSPENSIER.—The Court Newsman mentions that the Duke and Duchess of Montpensier left England, on Thursday (last week), for Ostend, on their route to Germany.

ARRIVAL OF VISCOUNT HARDINGE.—This distinguished officer arrived in London on Wednesday forenoon, after an absence of four years, during which period he has filled the high and responsible office of Governor-General of India. The noble and gallant Viscount, having chosen the Trieste route for his return home, embarked at Ostend on Tuesday in the General Steam Navigation Company's steam ship *Sir Edward Banks*. His Lordship is accompanied by his two sons, the Hon. C. S. and the Hon. Arthur Hardinge, and Colonel Robert Wood, late of the Governor-General's staff. We are glad to add that both his Lordship and his two sons are in excellent health. In the course of the evening several members of the nobility and gentry called and left their cards at his Lordship's mansion.

CHURCH, UNIVERSITIES, &c.

OXFORD.

UNIVERSITY REFORM.—A memorial, numerously signed, of which the following is a copy, has been presented to the Vice-Chancellor, heads of houses, and proctors, in order that it may undergo a grave and serious discussion, previous to its being proposed in congregation, or decreed in Convocation:—"The undersigned tutors of colleges and halls beg respectfully to represent to the Rev. the Vice-Chancellor and the heads of houses, the necessity which they feel to exist for the extension and better arrangement of the University studies. They wish particularly to call attention to the case of those who are not candidates for honours, and to the evil effects which are produced by the want of an adequate object for academical exertion in so large a portion of the younger members of the University. They conceive that the evils alluded to may be at least partially remedied by an alteration in the existing examination statute. They would beg leave respectfully to recommend: 1. An examination corresponding to the present examination for responsibility, but an earlier period. 2. A second examination in the books, or part of the books, required at present from candidates for the degree of B.A., at some period intermediate between the first and final examination. 3. A final examination for the degree of B.A., which shall comprise Theology, Moral Philosophy, History (Ancient and Modern), or Mathematical and Physical Science.

On Sunday, being the Sunday preceding the Ember days, the Venerable Archdeacon Robinson, the Master of the Temple, brought the claims of the Society for Providing additional Curates in Populous Places before the benchers of the Society of the Temple. Sir Robert Peel, with many other gentlemen of distinction, were among the congregation. The preacher stated that this society supports upwards of 300 curates in the poor and populous mining, manufacturing, and metropolitan districts, and has aided in the endowment of thirty-seven poor livings. Fifty-seven cases, however, remained unaided, and many of the existing grants are in danger of being withdrawn, through want of funds.

WHITEHALL, March 11.—The Queen has been pleased to order a *congéd d'être* to pass the Great Seal, empowering the Dean and Chapter of the cathedral church of Chester to elect a Bishop of the see, the same being void by the translation of the Most Reverend Father in God, John Bird Sumner, late Bishop thereof, to the see of Canterbury; and her Majesty has also been pleased to recommend to the said Dean and Chapter, John Graham, Doctor in Divinity, to be by them elected Bishop of the said see of Chester.

We regret that in our paper of last week we were led into an error in announcing that John Divett, Esq., of Bovey Tracey, Chudleigh, had been appointed Secretary to the new Archbishop of Canterbury. The gentleman on whom the office has been conferred is Felix Knyvett, Esq., of the city of Chester, who held a similar appointment from his Grace while Bishop of Chester for a period of ten years.

THE IRISH COLLEGES.—NEW STATUTES.—The Tablet has learned that new statutes for the Irish provincial colleges have been prepared and are on their way to Rome. It is expected—such are the preparations already made in the Holy City—that these new statutes will give the utmost satisfaction; and at the earliest possible moment a new rescript, practically at variance with the former, is confidently looked for.

METROPOLITAN NEWS.

CHARTIST DEMONSTRATION IN THE METROPOLIS.

On Monday last the Chartist Demonstration, which was to have been on so grand a scale, took place on Kennington-common, but it was all but a complete failure. "The meeting" itself numbered scarcely more than 6000 persons, while, on the outskirts of the common, about a like number of spectators hovered about, attracted by curiosity, but taking no part whatever in the proceedings, which did not last above two hours, and merely consisted of a few speeches of the ordinary Chartist fustian.

Between three and four o'clock in the afternoon it commenced raining with great violence, and in less than a quarter of an hour the common was completely cleared.

Preparations on a large scale had been made by the police to prevent disturbances should any attempts of the kind be made, but their services were not required, the rain having most effectually anticipated their efforts.

It should be mentioned that the shops in the neighbourhood of Kennington, Walworth, Camberwell, &c. were closed throughout, from an apprehension that the disgraceful scenes of window-breaking which occurred on the previous Monday, on the occasion of the meeting at Charing-cross, might be renewed. We are happy to say that not the least violence took place, with the exception of the breaking of a pawnbroker's window, at Peckham, from which articles of value to a considerable amount were abstracted. The police, however, immediately apprehended some ten or twelve of the delinquents.

PUBLIC MEETINGS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PROPRIETORS OF THE LIVERPOOL COMMERCIAL BANK.—The fifteenth anniversary meeting of the shareholders of the above-named Bank was held on Saturday, at the Clarendon Rooms. Mr. J. C. Jack, Chairman of the Board of Directors, called upon the manager, who read the report:—"The fifteenth annual meeting of the proprietors of the Liverpool Commercial Banking Company had been called in pursuance of the provisions of the deed of settlement, to receive the annual report, and to elect three directors in the place of those whose term in office now expires. The directors have to present to the proprietors their report for the year terminating on the 31st of December last. The profits of the business for the year, over and above all expenses, amounted to £43,122 6s. 2d., from which two half-yearly dividends of 5 per cent. each, on the capital stock, £338,600, were declared, and the balance, £9262 6s. 2d., has been carried to the reserved fund for losses. This fund was in credit £3765 16s. 9d., in consequence of reversions to that amount having been received from previous doubtful debts, beyond what was anticipated when those debts were written off. The combined sum, £13,027 16s. 11d., now stands to meet the contingencies of the past year, and will, the directors hope, be sufficient for the purpose. The valuation of the property in which the reserved surplus fund is invested, taken on the 31st December last, according to the provisions of the deed of settlement, reduced the value of those investments by the sum of £50,282 11s. 6d.; and the reserved surplus fund, which, on the 31st December, 1846, was £200,721 13s., at present amounts to £150,439 1s. 6d., certainly a large reduction in value; but as there is not any class of security in regard to which a similar result would not have happened, the directors, in stating the fact, have to express their regret at the peculiarity of the times, with this further observation, that, notwithstanding the nominal depreciation in market value, the income derived from the property has increased. The best attention of the directors will be given to the business of the Bank, and the protection of the property of the shareholders. The directors whose term in office now expires are Mr. Robert M'Andrew, Mr. John Hoyes, and Mr. John Twinn.—JOHN C. JACK, Chairman."—The report was agreed to.

CHESEBONNERS' BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—On Tuesday evening the annual meeting of the supporters of the above Institution, established for giving pensions to necessitous members of the trade, was held at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street; Mr. E. Corderoy in the chair. The report (read by Mr. Simpson, the secretary) expressed the regret of the committee that the affairs of the Society were not in a satisfactory state, the subscriptions of the past year being less than those of the previous year by £70. Since the formation of the Society, in 1835, the number of pensioners had been 57, of whom 30 were now dependent on the funds. Within that period the sum expended in pensions had been £5148. The receipts of the past year amounted to £705, and the expenditure left a balance of only £238.8d. On the motion of Mr. Craft, seconded by Mr. James, the report was received; after which the committee and other officers were elected, and the meeting separated.

ALLEGED PREMATURE CONSIGNMENT TO A COFFIN.—The most extraordinary reports are in circulation concerning the death of a respectable householder, for many years a resident in the neighbourhood of Red Lion-square. It appears that on last Sunday the deceased, shortly after his return from church, fell down and expired in a fit. The next day the undertaker attended, and placed the corpse in a coffin, the lid of which was fastened down. Shortly afterwards a noise, which was attributed to the bursting of the body, was heard in the coffin, but of which no further notice was taken, until a relative arrived who had the coffin opened, and found the body in such a posture as left no doubt that suspended animation had returned, and that a death struggle ensued after the body was enclosed in its narrow shell.

MARYLEBONE VESTRY.—On Saturday, at the meeting of the vestry of St. Marylebone, the Rev. Dr. Spry in the chair, the adjourned debate on the resolutions submitted by Mr. Sodon, for the admission of the Western Gas-light Company, was resumed. The resolutions, after some slight amendments, were adopted. It was then moved to submit the resolutions to the solicitor of the vestry, to draw up a contract founded upon them; and the motion having been carried, Sir James Hamilton said he begged to give notice, that on Saturday next he should move the non-confirmation of the whole proceedings.

BIRTHS, DEATHS, &c., FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 11.—The number of births during the above week, recorded in the Registrar-General's return, was 1480, of which 750 were males and 730 females. This number exceeds that of the preceding week by 104. The total number of deaths was 1070, of which 525 were males and 545 females. This number exceeds the weekly average for the last five winters by 37, is less than the deaths of the preceding week by 44, and less than the births of the same week by 410. The excess over the average is chiefly under the heads of typhus fever and bronchitis. The deaths from the first are this week 62, the average being 35. Those from the second are 95, the average being 61.

DOCKYARD BATTALIONS.—A return has been laid on the table of the House of Commons of the number of men in her Majesty's several dockyards embodied in the dockyard battalions. The total number is 9246, which are thus divided:—At Portsmouth, 2000; Devonport, 1784; Chatham, 1395; Deptford, 1057; Woolwich, 994; Sheerness, 890; Pembroke, 817; Gosport, victualling-yard, 180; Plymouth, victualling-yard, 129. These numbers are exclusive of the officers, drill-sergeants, and the police of the yards. The days of exercise at all the yards are two in each week, from the 1st of May to the 31st of August.

THE EX-ROYAL FAMILY OF FRANCE.—The reception of the Royal Family of France in this country has been marked by sound judgment and good feeling. Everything has been forgotten, except that they have fallen from the summit of human greatness to a condition so dejected that the bitterest animosity must be disarmed in contemplating it. In common with the rest of the world, we were under the impression that the Comte de Neully had prudently amassed and secured sufficient funds to support his family in affluence and comfort, but we regret to find that this notion is the reverse of the truth. Louis Philippe, it now appears, whether from an ill-grounded confidence in the stability of his Government, or from motives of nationality and patriotism—possibly from a mixture of both—had entrusted the whole fortunes of himself and his children to the soil or the faith of France. If, therefore, the future Legislature should determine to confiscate the private property of the House of Orleans, those unhappy Princes would be reduced to a state of destitution which would fill all Europe with sentiments of shame and indignation. We do not, however, anticipate anything so merciless and unjust—so inconsistent with the magnanimity of the French character, and with those principles of equity, humanity, and moderation on which the Revolution professes to be founded.—The Times.—The Union says:—"The marriage contract of the Princess Helen of Mecklenburg-Schwerin and the Duke of Orleans has an article which confers on that Princess a dowry of 300,000 francs a-year, or 6,000,000 francs invested by Louis Philippe in the Bank of England. That Prince had then 40,000,000 francs invested in that bank; and if M. de Camp, of Mecklenburg (then in the service of Prussia), who was entrusted with the Princess's interests, inserted the clause, it was in the event of the Princess being deprived, by a revolution, of the dowry of 300,000 francs a year secured to her by the Chambers."

LORD FITZHARDINGE AND THE ELECTORS OF GLOUCESTER.—On Saturday the report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed to inquire into the conduct of Earl Fitzhardinge, in the late Gloucester election, was printed. The Committee of Privileges, to whom the petition of certain electors of the western division was referred, report that "the petition preferred charges against Earl Fitzhardinge, a peer of the realm, and Lord-Lieutenant of the county, which were alleged to have involved a breach of the privileges of this House. A majority of the committee considered, on its meeting on the 6th of March, that the petitioners had not complied with the resolutions agreed to by the committee on Monday, the 14th of February, and communicated to those petitioners whose addresses were appended to the petition. A delay of a week had been already granted to the petitioners, in addition to the five night especially allowed on the 14th of February, to enable them to furnish the committee with more specific particulars with regard to the charges against Earl Fitzhardinge, which the committee were of opinion alone afforded matter for inquiry before them. The committee were therefore of opinion that they ought not to grant any further postponement, and that the petitioners having failed to comply with the requirements of the committee, it was not expedient that they should proceed with the inquiry, and came to a resolution that no case had been made for inquiry."

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. CURREY, THE PRINCIPAL DEPUTY CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS.—We feel the greatest sorrow in having to announce the sudden death of Mr. Currey, the newly-appointed principal clerk of the House of Lords, which took place on Monday, shortly after four o'clock. Mr. Currey was in his place in the House of Lords in the morning, having then for the first time been employed in the discharge of the duties of his new appointment. In the early part of the morning he appeared cheerful as usual, and about twelve o'clock went to his private room to transact some business connected with his office, accompanied by one of the gentlemen of the House, when he was seized with apoplexy, and immediately expired. Mr. Currey had filled for many years the office of second clerk of the Parliament. On Wednesday an inquest was held on the body at the House of Lords, before Mr. Manning, Coroner of the Queen's Household, when a verdict was returned, "that the deceased died by a visitation of God in a natural way."

POSTSCRIPT.

HOUSE OF LORDS.—FRIDAY.

PASSENGERS' BILL.—This bill was read a third time and passed.—Adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—FRIDAY.

THE INCOME-TAX.

On the motion of the CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, the House having gone into Committee of Ways and Means, Sir B. HALL moved that the Income-Tax, as levied in England, should be extended to Ireland.

A long discussion ensued, and the Committee, on a division, decided against the motion by a majority of 218 to 138.

The House then resumed, and shortly afterwards adjourned.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

WURTEMBERG—REVOLUTIONARY PROCEEDINGS.

We regret to say that a peasants' war has broken out in Germany. The horizon is red in many parts from incendiary fires.

The castles of Niederstetten Oehringen, two signorial residences of the Princes of Hohenlohe, have been burnt to the ground. Nor have the boors respected the ancient castle of Jaxhausen, on the Jaxt, which for centuries has been in the possession of the Berlichingen family, and has been immortalised by Goethe, by his description of its defence by iron-fisted Götze, who then headed the insurgent peasants against the Imperial troops. The village belonging to it also has been reduced to ashes.

The castle of Assmstadt, the family residence of the Barons of Ellrichshausen, and the castle of Schwäggern, the residence of Count Neipperg, son-in-law of the King of Wurtemberg, have been razed to the ground. The lives of the inhabitants have been spared, but an organized system is visible.

The stewards of the castles in question were compelled to throw the archives into the flames with their own hands; and some men of education are evidently in the ranks of the peasants, as the device of the Hohenlohes, *ex flammis orior*, was ironically changed into *ex flammis morior*.

Two thousand men have been ordered, in all haste, from Ludwigsburg and Heilbronn, to quell this insurrection.

FRANCE.

Great dissatisfaction had been caused in the grenadier and light companies of the National Guards by that portion of M. Ledru-Rollin's circular which related to their being disbanded, and united indiscriminately with the other companies; and they accordingly met in a body, to the amount, it is said, of 30,000, and sent a deputation to the Government on Thursday, to remonstrate on the matter.

The reply of the Provisional Government to the deputation was considered of a favourable nature. The composition of the National Guard is to continue the same until its definitive re-organisation, when the *compagnies d'élite* are to be suppressed.

The object M. Rollin had in view by his measure was to lessen the influence of those companies who are composed of *moderates* in the approaching election of their officers; which, in the meantime, has been postponed from this day (Saturday) to Saturday next, the 25th instant.

A very violent scene, which took place in the council of the Provisional Government on Tuesday night, was the subject of general conversation. In the course of their deliberations a proposition was made by M. Ledru-Rollin, which, not being approved of by his colleagues, was rejected. Upon this, M. Ledru-Rollin threatened that, if his proposition were not agreed to, he would call in the people assembled in the court, and force the Government to accede to it. M. Garnier Pages upon this immediately rose, and, drawing a pistol from his pocket, declared that if M. Ledru-Rollin attempted to put his threat in execution, he would shoot him through the head. The affair went no further; but when such scenes take place in the Council, it cannot be expected that the members of the Government will work long together.

The National Guards were preparing to petition the Provisional Government for the dismissal of M. Ledru-Rollin from the office of Minister of the Interior.

A great crowd was assembled round the Bank of France on Thursday, and there was a company of the National Guards on duty to keep order. The decree suspending the cash payments not having been generally known, a disposition to create disturbance at first showed itself, and the excitement throughout the day was very great. No one was admitted into the Bank who could not show that he had actual business.

COUNTRY NEWS.

The accounts from the country generally are of a peaceful nature. From Scotland, too, the news is reassuring.

A LARGE open-air meeting of Chartists took place on Monday evening, behind the Salford Town-hall, the numbers congregated on the occasion being at least 4000 or 5000. The main object of the meeting was to congratulate the people of France "on the grand and victorious achievement in the cause of democratic principles." There had been a fear of this meeting leading to a renewal of the late disturbances, and the authorities had prepared a grand muster of the civil forces to keep them in check, but the result showed that this preparation was unnecessary. An address to the people of France was unanimously agreed to. A resolution, pledging the Chartists to keep a watchful eye on the bearing of our own Government towards the new Republic, and further pledging them to renew and continue their agitation for the people's charter, was supported by a Mr. Leach, the principal speaker on the occasion. He referred to the distress which has existed in Manchester for the last eighteen months, stating that the weekly average of paupers receiving out-door relief was something like 17,000, whilst the workhouses and hospitals were full; and he told shopkeepers, that if they did not see to the amendment of the present state of things, the reduction of working-men's wages would reduce their business and profits, and bring them to bankruptcy. The speaker congratulated the meeting on its peaceable demeanour, and exhorted every one to depart in order and peace. He then again proceeded to talk of despotism, and the final triumph of the world over it; and, adverting to the heroes who had died in the late revolution in France, called on every man present to show his reverence for the departed by taking off his hat. The whole meeting uncovered, and shortly afterwards separated quietly.

GLASGOW.—The body of the female that had been presumed to have been shot during the riots in Cambridge-street, Glasgow, has been subjected to a *post mortem* examination. It was found that the immediate cause of death was apoplexy, and the wound the result of a fall at the instant of the attack. The body has since been claimed, and turns out to be a Miss Trotter, a dressmaker; and from the circumstance of her going out occasionally to sew in the houses of private families, where she remained a day or two, her absence occasioned no surprise, and led to the delay in her recognition.

A MEETING of the Chartists of Birmingham, to sympathize with the French Republic, was held in the Town Hall there on Wednesday, at which resolutions, and an address congratulating the French people on the recent triumph of democracy in their country, were agreed to with acclamation. The meeting passed off peaceably.

In Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and other places in the north of England, Chartist meetings have been held during the week, without any breach of the peace occurring.

LINCOLNSHIRE ELECTION.—CLOSE OF THE POLL.

This election took place on Thursday. The numbers were:—
Hobhouse 554
Humphrey 501
Majority —53

DESTRUCTION OF THE VIADUCT OVER THE RIVER NIDD AT KNARESBOROUGH.—On Saturday, about half-past eleven, A.M., the entire viaduct, which was high being completed, fell in with a tremendous crash. It consisted of four arches (the centres of which had not been removed), each fifty feet span and eighty feet high. The cause of so great a catastrophe remains a mystery yet to be explained, but it is thought it has arisen in a great measure through the heavy rains which have prevailed for the last two months. Fortunately, no lives were lost. It was intended for the use of the Leeds and Thirsk, York and North Midland, and East and West Yorkshire Junction Railways.

MUSICAL STONES.—About three miles from Pottstown, in the United States, there is a place to which the name of the Singing Valley is given. There is in this valley a large mass of ill-shaped stones, which appear to have been thrown together by some terrible convulsion of nature. From the appearance of the stone it is judged that at some former time a volcanic eruption must have occurred there. By striking on these stones the most varied sounds imaginable are produced. The chime of the finest bells in the world does not exceed in variety the sounds produced, from the sonorous bass to the most delicate treble, the gradations of which are exquisitely fine. No such phenomenon is to be found in any other part of the world.

ALEXANDRE DUMAS is a fine specimen of the Negro blood, and exhibits, in an almost equal degree, the qualities of the indefatigable slave and the brilliant Frenchman. With an insatiable lust for notoriety, he contrives that his sayings and doings shall occupy the gossips of France. Not only as a writer—not simply as *le roi du feuilleton*, the *facile princeps* of the circulating library, but also as a "gentilhomme," as a "grand seigneur," and as a man, must he always "astonish" the public. If not noble himself, he at least assumes a noble name—Marquis Davy de la Pailletterie; and talks with easy familiarity of his friends the Princes. If not an accomplished duellist, he is at least very great on the theory of duelling. His pen is the inheritance which enables him to give banquets rivaling in splendour the oriental lavishness of his own Monte Christo. He has not "smelt powder;" but, to see him on a grand review day, at the head of a company of National Guards, you would fancy him the very Cæsar, Alexander, Attila, Napoleon, and Wellington of private life—his breast is a blaze of orders. The objects of his existence seem to be two: firstly, to make enormous sums of money to spend with princely prodigality; secondly, incessantly to astonish the world. Above all things, he courts notoriety, scandal, and a power to set men wondering. He began life as a daring innovator—as a romanticist. Racine, and the whole traditional style of French art, he attempted to replace by effective melodramas, which he audaciously asserted were modelled after Shakspeare: his audacity was crowned by a loud and fugitive success. Since then his restless activity has exhibited itself in many ways, and of late the author has almost been eclipsed by the *éclat* attached to the man.—From the *British Quarterly Review*, No. 13; full of clever and spirited writing, especially a paper on "The Public Men of France."

THE OLD UMBRELLA.—Louis Philippe left his umbrella at Paris. We suppose he had no use for it when the reign had ceased.—*Puppet Show*, No. 1.

CHESS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Alpha."—Stalemate draws the game, and in your match such a game does not count.

"J. E. C." must be good enough to send a solution. We never look at Problems which come without solutions.

"Alpha."—It is, of course, possible for Black, in the position sent, to draw the game, or even win it, if White plays ill enough to permit him; but, with the best play on both sides, the game should be White's.

"J. S."—1. You can demand any piece you choose, except a King, for every Pawn advanced to his 8th sq. and this without reference to the pieces still on the board. 2. B's King cannot be moved, under any circumstances, into a square commanded by A's Knight. 3. You may have two or more Queens on the board at once.

"Q. Q."—Amidst the multiplicity of communications we receive, it is impossible for us to remember any particular one. To what Enigma do you refer? If you will be good enough to write out the position, we will solve it for you.

"F. Q. R."—The moves will most probably be given every week. There seems to be some mistake as to the conditions in the Problem you mention. Are you quite sure it is accurately copied?

"Medicus."—Bunn must play his King as a penalty for the false move.

"A. Z. B. F."—It is ingenious, and shall appear by-and-by. 278 can be solved, we think, in three moves.

"T. R."—We do not remember receiving the note to which you allude, but it is quite possible, amidst hundreds of others, it was overlooked. With respect to Enigma 258, it appears to us a perfectly correct and an extremely beautiful position; but if any supposed flaw were pointed out in it, we should, as in all similar cases, where we felt a doubt upon the subject, refer it to the author. Hence the delay which you occasionally observe.

"Woodstockiensis."—They shall be duly examined.

"Beta." St. Neol's.—Many thanks. They are always acceptable.

"C. S. L."—We quite agree with you, that at the first blush White gets the advantage by your variation.

"J. B." Gray's Inn.—It must have miscarried. Favour us with another copy.

"W. K."—They shall be played over, but we are a good deal pressed for space.

"M. H. G."—Pray try again. So simple a mate should never be given up in despair.

Solutions by "Sopraccita," "R. M.," "T. G. D.," "S. J.," "Fadoul," "W. S.," "T. R.," "Ada," "Eva," "G. A. H.," "Woodstockiensis," "Miles," "J. B.," "Hastings," "F. F.," and "C. H. S." are correct.

*** Several answers to Correspondents are unavoidably deferred.

MATCH OF CHESS BY CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE LONDON CHESS CLUB AND THE AMSTERDAM CHESS CLUB FOR £100.

This interesting contest has now begun. The Amsterdam players won the move, and opened the fight with P to Q 4th. The following are the moves at present made:—

WHITE. (Amsterdam.) BLACK. (London.)
1. P to Q 4th 1. P to K 3d
2. P to Q B 4th And London has to play.

*** Any one desirous of playing a game of Chess by correspondence may hear of an opponent by addressing H. J. C. Andrews, Esq., Harder's-row, Peckham.

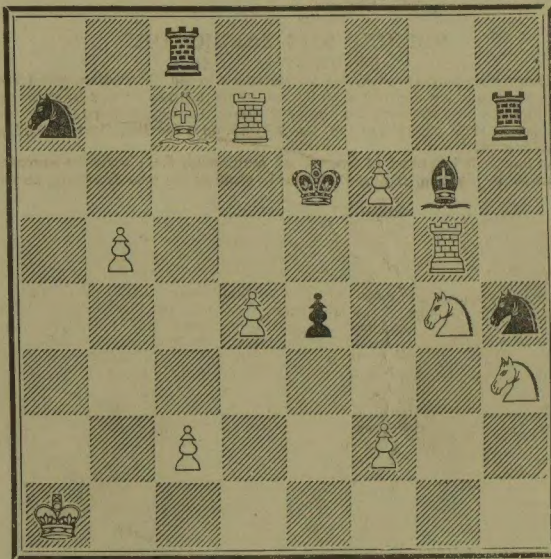
SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO 216.

WHITE. BLACK.
1. Q to Q B 3d (ch) R to K K 6th 4. Q takes P (ch) K to Q Kt 5th
2. Q to B 5th (ch) R to Kt 5th 5. Q to Q 6th K to Q Kt 6th
3. Q to K 3d (ch) R to Q Kt 6th 6. Q to Q 3d—Mate.

PROBLEM, NO. 217.

By S. H. W.

BLACK.



WHITE.
White playing first can mate in five moves.

MR. HARRWITZ AND THE BERLIN PLAYERS.

The following games will be studied with peculiar interest, from the circumstance of their being among the first which have taken place in the long-desired contest between this excellent player and the athletes of the Berlin Chess Club. His chief competitor during his short stay in Berlin was Herr Mayet, unquestionably one of the strongest players of the Club. With this gentleman Mr. Harrwitz had five sittings, the result of which was, that in all he won 5 games, lost 2, and 2 games were drawn. It is much to be regretted that he was unable to find an opportunity of playing with Mr. Hanstein, the President of the Club. In addition to the games mentioned, Mr. Harrwitz won two games of Von Hanneken, and three of Mr. Cubitz, and very unexpectedly lost one to a young member of no considerable force.

BETWEEN HERR MAYET AND HERR HARRWITZ.

BLACK (Mr. M.) WHITE (Mr. H.)
1. P to Q 4th P to Q 4th
2. P to Q B 4th P to K 3rd
3. Q to Kt B 3rd K to Kt B 3d
4. Q B to K Kt 5th Q Kt to Q 2d
5. P takes P P takes P
6. Kt takes P (a) Kt takes Kt
7. B takes Q B to Q Kth 5th (ch)
8. Q to Q 2d K takes Q B
9. P to K 4th K R to K sq
10. P to K B 3d P to K B 4th
11. B to Q 3d Kt to K B 5th (b)
12. K to Q sq B takes Q
Winning the game in a few moves.

(a) After this miscalculation, which costs Black a Piece, the game is of course lost against a player of Mr. Harrwitz's strength. Mr. Mayet, however, is not easily discouraged.
(b) A masterly manoeuvre. The Black King must move, or another Piece is lost. The K Kt P cannot be saved.
(c) Black's Pieces are all in full action, but White cannot be prevented from developing his also; and the former must succumb to superior numbers.

BETWEEN THE SAME PLAYERS.

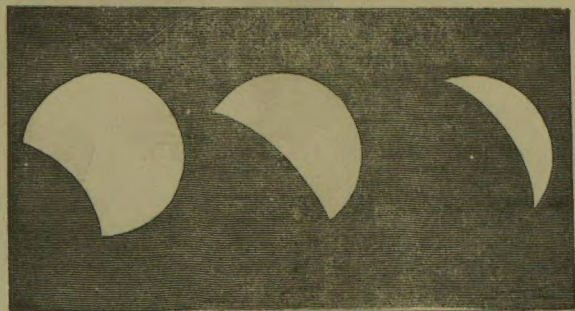
WHITE (Mr. H.) BLACK (Mr. M.)
1. P to K 4th P to K 4th
2. P to K B 4th P takes P
3. P to Q B 4th Q checks
4. K to B sq P to Q 3d
5. P to Q 4th K Kt to K 2d (a)
6. K Kt to B 3d Q to K R 3d
7. Q Kt to B 3d P to Q B 3d
8. K to K Kt sq B to K Kt 5th
9. P to K R 3d B to K 3d
10. P to Q 5th B to Q 2d
11. P to K Kt 3d K Kt to Kt 3d
12. K to Kt 2d P to K B 4th
13. Q to her 3d P takes K P
14. Q takes P (ch) K B to K 2d
15. Q R to Q 2d K to Q sq
16. Q R to Q sq K R to K B sq
17. Q Kt to K 2d Q B to K B 4th
18. Q to Q 4th B takes Q B P
And Black announced mate in four moves.

(a) The defence deviates considerably from the theory of this opening, but it is hardly to be objected to against so practised a player.
(b) Instead of this, which gives his adversary the opportunity of making an advantageous sacrifice, White should have taken the B with K R.
(c) Taking the Kt with K B is not so good as this.
(d) This move costs two Pawns, but it enables Black more speedily to develop his forces.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE MOON ON SUNDAY, MARCH 19.

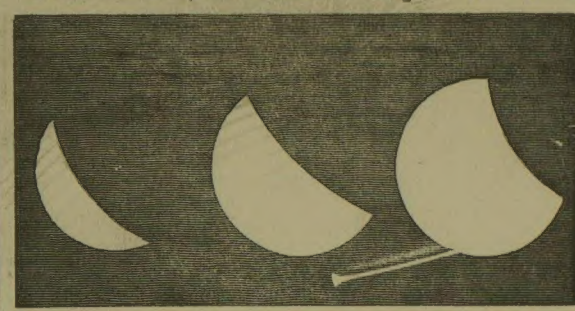
This fine Eclipse of the Moon will begin in London at 7h. 16m. in the evening of Sunday, March 19; and its successive appearances are shown in the accompanying Diagrams.

APPEARANCE OF THE MOON DURING HER ECLIPSE PRECEDING TOTALITY.



At 7h. 21m. the Moon will be totally obscured, and total darkness commences. The middle of the Eclipse will be at 9h. 12m. P.M.; the Moon will begin to appear at 10h. 3m. P.M., and the successive phases of the Eclipse are shown in the annexed diagram.

APPEARANCE OF THE MOON DURING HER ECLIPSE FOLLOWING TOTALITY.



The end of the Eclipse will be at 11h. 8m. P.M. Although the Moon will be full this evening, she will not shine at all for a period of one hour and forty-two minutes.

At places situated west of Greenwich, the times of the several phases of the Eclipse will be earlier than at London; and at places situated east of Greenwich, the times will be later than at London by intervals in time equal to their longitudes; thus, at Dublin the times will be 25m. earlier; in Cornwall and Devonshire, by about 20m. earlier; at Edinburgh and Liverpool, by about 12m. earlier; at Durham, by 6m. earlier; at York, by 4m. earlier; and at Dover and Norwich, the times will be about 5m. later. J. G.

THE FRENCH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

We resume this week our Portraits of the most remarkable of the characters whom the Revolution has called to the Administration of Public Affairs in France.

CREMIEUX.

The Provisional Minister of Justice, is a celebrated Member of the French Bar, and has long stood high both for eloquence and energy in the ranks of the Opposition in the ex-Chamber of Deputies, to which he was returned by the Electoral College of Chion, where, in 1842, he was unsuccessfully opposed by M. Piscatory, the Diplomatist.

M. Crémieux is by religion a Jew. From his first entrance into public life, he has proved himself a staunch friend to the people and to political freedom. To the Guizot Cabinet he was an unflinching opponent—losing no opportunity to assail its iniquitous policy, and to proclaim the necessity of radical reform in every department and institution of the State. He was ever most energetic in supporting M. Duvergier d'Hauranne's annual motion for the exclusion of paid functionaries (the Ministers excepted) from the Chamber; and he advocated the broadest and most comprehensive principles of Free Trade. When the Game Law, initiated in the Chamber of Peers, came on for discussion in the Chamber of Deputies, Crémieux gave it his most vigorous opposition; but, finding that the Ministers were resolved to carry it by means of their iniquitously packed majority, he fought hard to procure the suppression of the clause which exempted Crown lands from the provisions of the measure. In this aim he was successful; but the Peers restored the obnoxious paragraph. When M. Duchâtel, the late Minister of the Interior, made his memorable declaration a short time ago, to the effect that no reform would be granted, and that the Government had resolved to put down the banquets, Crémieux called out, "There is blood in this!" and he prophesied truly. On the day when the Revolution was as yet undecided, he proceeded to the Chamber of Deputies, where, rejecting the appeal made on behalf of a Provisional Government, thus, consistent to the last, Crémieux used all his influence to lead France to the fulfilment of her highest destinies in the establishment of a Republic.

GOUDCHAUX.

The late Minister of Finance in the Provisional Government, is a highly-respectable banker at Paris; and, though a man of much cleverness in questions appertaining to his profession, he is destitute of the energy required for so critical a period as the present. Feeling the weight of the task he had undertaken oppressive, he wrote, a few days ago, to his colleagues in the Ministry the following letter, resigning his office:—

"Gentlemen,—I have to demand from you the execution of the promise which you made to me, and which alone determined me to accept, even for a very short time, the functions which I have filled up to this day. The public wish called to these important functions one of the members of the Provisional Government whom his special studies pointed out to the confidence of every one. You are aware that my repugnance was overcome only by the difficult circumstances which required the presence of all the members of the Provisional Government at the Hôtel de Ville. At present, thanks to your energetic activity, order is re-established, and men must resume their natural position. My Republican sentiments are known to you, and you cannot doubt my very sincere devotedness to my country. If it were proved to me that my services were indispensable to you, I should, notwithstanding my want of ability, continue in the post in which I have been placed for some days past. That necessity not existing in any respect, I have to request you to restore me to liberty. I shall not the less remain at the disposal of the Provisional Government in all that it can demand from me within the narrow sphere of my faculties."

CARNOT.

The new Minister of Public Instruction (including the administration of religious affairs), was born in 1801, and is a son of the famous conventionalist of that name. He is a devoted partisan of democratic ideas, and belongs to the extreme left. He voted against the Pritchard Indemnity Bill, and for M. Rémusat's project of Parliamentary Reform. "He would," says a writer in 1846, "support a large and complete reform which would have the effect of restoring sincerity to the Government, and all their rights to the citizens."

MARIE—BETHMONT—SUBERVIE.

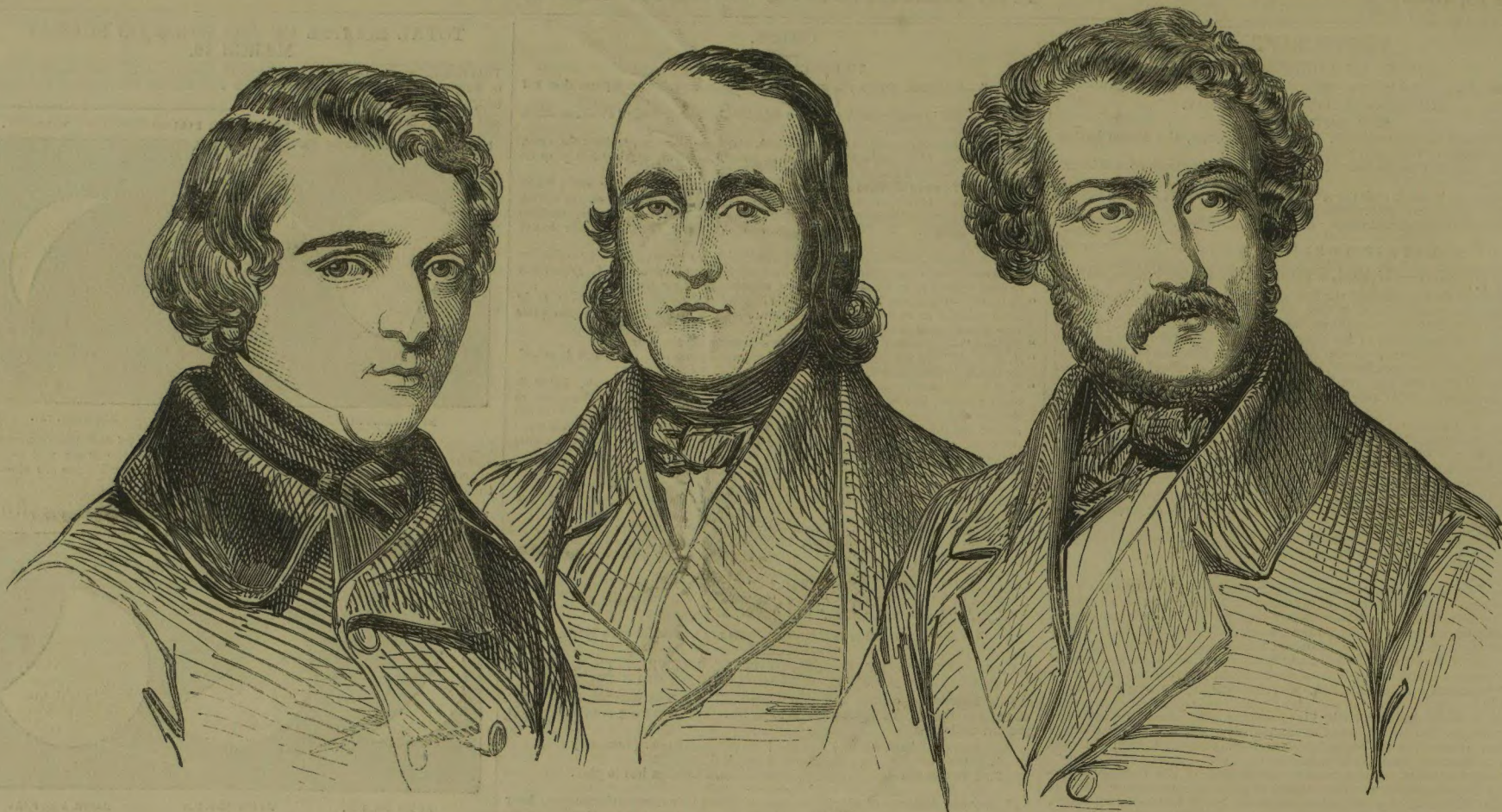
MARIE is Minister of Public Works. He was formerly *batonnier* of the order of advocates of Paris; and his high standing at the bar is considered to be well earned. He for some time held a distinguished position in the Chamber, in the foremost rank of the Opposition. He has justified the hopes which his talent and character had raised, especially in the discussion on the 24th of February, in which he was the first to repudiate the proposition for a Regency, and to demonstrate the necessity of establishing a Provisional Government. Public works, we learn, have already been resumed with considerable activity in Paris. No fewer than 4000 or 5000 labourers have been employed in filling up the fosses round the Champ de Mars.

BETHMONT, Minister of Commerce, is one of the people by sympathies, as well as by birth: he is an able advocate, a clever logician, a man of wit and extensive learning, all which qualities he has displayed in the French tribune; and it is expected that he will also shine as Minister of Commerce.

GENERAL SUBERVIE, Minister of War, is one of the olden glories of the Empire who, contrary to the general conduct of Napoleon's Lieutenants, has always been a Liberal, and devoted to the principles by which the Revolution has triumphed. Subervie was, at first, stated to have accepted the office of Minister of War provisionally; and it is now considered certain that he will shortly vacate that post, on account of his advanced age. His successor is not yet known. Generals Cavaignac and Lamoricière have been talked of; but the latter, it is said, has refused to accept the War Department, unless the effective force of the army be immediately increased by 100,000 men. The *National*, whilst it admits that General Subervie has given proofs of independence and patriotism, considers that at so advanced an age he should be relieved by the appointment of a younger General, of more energy, and more competent to accomplish the reforms demanded by the new order of things.

LOUIS BLANC.

Is known to the public as a writer of great ability. There are few persons conversant with the affairs of France in these latter days that are not acquainted with his "History of Ten Years" of the reign of Louis Philippe. His post in



LOUIS BLANC, PRESIDENT OF THE OPERATIVES' COMMISSION.

GARNIER PAGES, MINISTER OF FINANCE.

ARMAND MARRAST, MAYOR OF PARIS.

the administration of affairs in the new Republic is that of President of the Commission for the Organisation of Labour, which is now sitting in what had been the Chamber of Peers, in the Palace of the Luxembourg. From this body have emanated the decrees for shortening the hours of labour, increasing the wages of workmen, &c., which have created such dismay amongst that large class of the community who hold the opinion that masters and workmen should be left free to make their engagements on whatever terms they may deem best.

GARNIER PAGES.

Who at first was appointed Mayor of Paris by the Provisional Government. M. Garnier Pages, from his first appearance in the political arena, has well sustained the reputation of his family name for great ability. His late brother was one of the most distinguished among the political characters of his time. The subject of the present notice sat in the late Chamber for Verneuil, to the electors of which place he was introduced by M. Dupont (de l'Eure), the present President of the Provisional Government. From his first outset in public life, he declared himself a staunch adherent to Republican principles, which he advocated on all possible occasions. In the Chamber he was favourably known by his able speeches on questions of finance, political economy, and railways.

ARMAND MARRAST.

Who was, on the formation of the new Government nominated one of its

Secretaries, has long been known as the principal Editor of the *National*. He is of diminutive stature, and very thin, of a light, graceful figure, and a pale, pensive countenance, and his age borders on forty. He married, some years ago, an English lady—the daughter of M. Berti Ambrose, the author. His talents are of the highest order, and the vigour of his style is appreciated by every one who is accustomed to peruse the “leaders” in the *National*. A stern and unflinching Republican, he has suffered prosecution, persecution, and exile, on account of his opinions, during the sway of Louis Philippe. He has just been appointed Mayor of Paris.

“BEHIND THE BARRICADE.”

DRAWN BY GAVARNI.

This Engraving may be considered as companion to the Illustration, given upon the front page of our Journal of last week—“DEFENDERS OF THE BARRICADE.” Both Pictures are rife with the vigour of Gavarni's characteristic pencil; and they present vivid portraits of the classes by whom “the Great Revolution” has been achieved.

The Barricade is formed of overturned omnibuses, &c.; upon its summit, a workman is planting the new standard some of the men are firing, another

handing up a musket, and others loading; whilst, also, behind this novel “wooden wall,” are women attending a wounded National Guard.

The attack and defence of a Barricade, “the great act of the drama,” is thus pictured in the *Reforme*—

“A majestic barricade was erected at the corner of the Rue de Valois, which it intercepted, as well as the Rue St. Honoré. On the other side of the Place du Palais Royal, a mass of citizens grouped themselves, and were soon joined by the men who were not able to obtain the muskets of the company of the 14th. Some shots were discharged, as if to manifest the first agitation of the anger of the people. To these shots the guard replied, and soon from both sides of the place, and on the side of the soldiers, a terrible fusillade was engaged. Here many brave citizens fell whose admirable courage was worthy of a better lot. During two hours the combat continued with the warmth and vivacity of a siege and an assault. To state the episodes of this feat of arms is a thing which we will not undertake at this moment, for ten journals would not suffice to record what was accomplished during two hours. Here were children, with shirts already bloody, who seemed to demand new wounds; there were National Guards alone, or accompanied by citizens in blouses or in vests, who remained bravely in the midst of the place, and fired without retreating, under the shower of balls which poured on them.”



BEHIND THE BARRICADE.—DRAWN BY GAVARNI.





GRAND FUNERAL PROCESSION OF THE VICTIMS OF THE REVOLUTION.

FUNERAL OF THE VICTIMS OF THE REVOLUTION.

In our Journal of last week we briefly described the spectacle of the funeral honours decreed by the Republic to the victims of the conflict that has destroyed the dynasty of the Bourbons. We are now enabled to present our readers with the accompanying Engraving of the arrival of the procession at the Column of July. The whole ceremony has been ably described by a Correspondent of the *Times*; and as his communication differs in most respects from the account given last week, we shall quote it nearly entire:—

It is difficult to define the impression it produced; it was too brilliant for solemnity; it expressed no sorrow for the dead, for all was exultation; there were no emblems of grief,—no mourners, save the few who weep in secret for a loss nothing can supply, and they are scarcely thought of in the absorbing excitement of the hour. The pomp, the martial music, the songs and shouts amidst which the procession passed along, leave behind the idea of a rejoicing, of the celebration of a victory. It was indeed a popular triumph; an ovation, such as we can imagine the march of a Roman general may have been to the Capitol. In that, too, death was mingled with the pomp; and the living captives led to their doom in the train of the conqueror were probably as little thought of by the mass, whose pride was flattered by the display of a power, as the dust of those who were borne to-day to the silence of the tomb with such magnificence. This impression is created, perhaps, by all the religious part of the ceremony having passed unseen by the populace. To the public eye, little or nothing was visible indicating the occasion. The funeral cars were decorated with the colours that will soon wave as gaily over the revels of the *bal masqué*. Military splendour is the same at all times, and there was no attempt to give the cortege the solemnity which is so impressive in a soldier's burial, though, as the victims died in combat, this might have been fittingly done. All the authorities attended, as they would any civic or political ceremonial. The chariot of the Republic, the most prominent feature in the display, and the emblems of its power, the classic *fascies*, will serve as appropriately for the inauguration of the first President—when he is elected. And, lastly, the masses of people, the crowd that, from its immensity, gave something of sublimity to the scene, was an exulting one. From the moment the bodies were carried from the church, the procession took the character of a public triumph.

Along the whole line of the Boulevards, from the Madeleine to the Column of July, with a few interruptions, a tricoloured band was extended on each side, from tree to tree, or lamp to lamp; at intervals, black lozenge-shaped shields were placed, with the inscription, "*Respect aux mânes des victimes des 22, 23, et 24 Février*." The exterior walls and portico of the church were hung with black cloth, with decorations of tricoloured flags and funeral wreaths. Over the doorway was inscribed, "*Aux Citoyens morts pour la liberté*." A portion of the steps to the right of the entrance was fitted up as a choir; no other preparations were visible. From ten till twelve o'clock the space around it began to fill, and the crowd was fully occupied in watching the frequent passing and repassing of troops,—now a detachment of the National Guards, or a body of the newly enlisted citizens in their blouses, with numbered cards in their hats, all that distinguishes them as *militaires* at present. A detachment of the regular cavalry, cuirassiers, that rode along with their band playing the "*Chant du Départ*" (nearly the same air as our "*Death of Nelson*"), caused the first sensation. As time wore on the crowd grew more dense, till the whole space for some distance down the Boulevard to the right, and in front almost to the Place de la Concorde, was a compact mass of people.

The day was beautiful; and a brilliant sun shining on the sharp, clear outlines of the white Grecian church, on the lofty old-fashioned houses around it, so picturesque in their complete contrast with it, and glancing from the forest of bayonets bristling among hundreds of tricoloured flags, above the surface of the motley and closely-packed crowd, of which no end was to be seen as far as the eye could reach, formed a spectacle that no city save Paris could furnish, and Paris only on such an occasion.

While the authorities were with difficulty pushing their way into the church, the choir under the portico, drawn from the three operas, and conducted by MM. Girard and Laty, contributed its part to the proceedings. The arrival of the Provisional Government was hailed by the "*Marseillaise*," splendidly sung, with the accompaniment of a military band. The instrumental piece that followed, a funeral march, by Cherubini, was comparatively weak; little of it was heard above the hum of the crowd. This was succeeded by the "*oath*" chorus from "*Gaillaume Tell*," a piece from the "*Creation*" ("the Heavens are telling"), and the "*prayer*" from "*Mose in Egitto*." The selection seemed to alternate mourning and supplication with the notes of triumph; the effect was sublime. As the music ceased, the funeral cars on which the coffins, 15 in number, had been placed, were ready to proceed. As the first of the six moved onward, the "*Marseillaise*" was repeated; one verse was sung by the female voices alone, the men taking up the chorus, "*Aux armes!*" As the spirit-stirring strain arose, the whole crowd uncovered and remained so till the last of the cars, which were open, showing the forms of the coffins under the black pall, had passed. The dramatic effect at that moment, the homage of the people, the fierce invocation to battle, the stillness of death, all uniting, made the hearts of all beat quicker with excitement. The scene for that moment was grand, almost overpowering; but from this point it sunk, and for the five hours the ceremony lasted it did not rise again above a spectacle.

I borrow a description of the interior of the church during the solemn service.—It was hung with black, and lit by fifteen funeral lamps. Between the choir and the nave was placed an immense sarcophagus, in the Egyptian style, on a platform with eight steps; in this were deposited the fifteen coffins; on the side of the sarcophagus was inscribed, "*Morts pour la patrie*." Several bodies had been placed in the vaults beneath the column during the previous night. Those claimed by the families or friends had of course been given up for private interment.

At half-past twelve o'clock the National Guards and volunteers, who had assembled on the Place Vendôme, moved forward and proceeded to take the stations assigned to them on the Boulevards des Italiens and Montmartre, which they lined on both sides. The volunteers were commanded by pupils of the military school of St. Cyr, officers and non-commissioned officers of the line, and appeared to have already made considerable progress in their military education. Nothing could surpass the order observed by the people, and the absence of police and Municipal Guards was nowhere felt.

The bands of the first six legions of the National Guard came next, and were followed by forty-eight companies of the Line and National Guards marching alternately. Behind these advanced a numerous body of volunteers, the association of Belgian patriots, with their national flag—black, red, and yellow—and a motley multitude, amongst whom were the letter-carriers, dressed in their uniform. Then came the female relatives of the victims, attired in deep mourning, surrounded and escorted by National Guards and pupils of the Polytechnic School. These were followed by a troop of the cavalry of the National Guard, proceeding five mourning carriages, containing the clergy of the Church of the Madeleine. Four hearse, each drawn by two horses, and decorated with tricoloured banners, came next, accompanied by relatives of the deceased, amongst whom was an old General, covered with decorations, whose son had fallen in the collision. Everywhere on the passage of the hearse, the people took off their hats, and many stepped forward to deposit bunches and crowns of *immortelles* on the coffins.

After the hearse advanced the *Orphéonistes* and the musical bands of the different theatres of Paris, and the members of the Musical Society, singing in turns verses of the "*Marseillaise*" and of the "*Chœur des Girondins*."

A fifth hearse was likewise followed by the families of the victims, and a numerous band of *Enfants de Paris*, singing the "*Chant du Départ*." Next rode a squadron of National Guards, and behind them marched abreast the eleven members of the Provisional Government, the Ministers, and the civil authorities of the capital. The members of the Government were dressed in black, and wore tricoloured sashes. Their presence everywhere excited the liveliest enthusiasm, and they were saluted with deafening cries of "*Vive la République!*" to which they responded by waving their hats. After them advanced the patriots condemned for political offences under the reign of Louis Philippe, amidst whom was the celebrated Hubert, who, being ill from long confinement, was unable to walk, and had hired an open carriage to accompany his friends. These were escorted by a company of National Guards, dressed in blouses; and after them came an immense mass of citizens, of every class of society; old soldiers attired in the uniforms of the Republic and Empire; deputations from the Northern, Rouen and Havre, and other railroad companies; professors of the University in their costume; clergymen, members of literary and scientific societies, the staff and pupils of the Polytechnic School, members of the National Institute, Judges of the Court of Cassation, of the Courts of Appeal, and other tribunals, preceded by their maces; general officers and their aides-de-camp; the Freemasons of Paris; the directors and servants of the insurance companies; deputations from all the trades, &c.

Next marched several lines of men, bearing the *fascies* of the Republic, and behind them was a car, drawn by eight white horses, simply caparisoned, and bearing the symbol of the Republic, decked with crowns of laurel and tricoloured banners. The corners of the pall were borne by representatives of the labouring classes, the National Guard, the press, the army, the Invalides, the schools, &c.

Behind the car, which was everywhere saluted with enthusiastic acclamations, moved another multitude of citizens, National Guards, pupils of the Lycéums, and workmen, singing the "*Chœur des Girondins*," and crying "*Vive la République!*"

The Polish emigrants came next, carrying their national banner (red and white) united with the tricoloured flag; and the enthusiasm which their presence excited among the crowd cannot be described.

A body of about 5000 volunteers, marching in admirable order, followed; and the procession was closed by twenty-four companies of the National Guard, a body of horse artillery without their guns, a squadron of dragoons, another of cuirassiers, and a detachment of the cavalry of the National Guard.

Having seen the cortege set out from the Madeleine, I proceeded to the Place de la Bastille, its destination. The space round the column was kept clear by troops. From its summit dropped two flags of black crape, nearly as long as the column itself, spangled with silver stars, symbolic of mourning and tears. Before the entrance to the vault beneath it were erected two immense pillars or altars, each surmounted by a tripod and hung with black cloth. It was nearly five o'clock ere the funeral cars arrived at the column; the coffins were then borne into the vault, while the "*sacred fire*" was kindled on the altars. The rest of the procession then slowly filed past, and the people dispersed: all was over. Every part of the Boulevards was as crowded as that from which the procession started; all the windows and balconies, the parapets of the houses, every "buttress and coin of vantage" were occupied. The people at all points uncovered as the bodies passed; at intervals the "*Marseillaise*" was sung by the

people joining the procession, and the military bands played. But to watch the filing past of troops, hour after hour, becomes somewhat monotonous. Military parade has a great sameness of splendour. There was a manifest difference in expression between the soldiers of the army, both cavalry and infantry, and the National Guards: the former looked serious and reserved, as if under a shadow or cloud; the Nationals were in excellent spirits, though their duty at present is very severe.

On no part of the route was public peace or order for a moment disturbed.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

HOUSE OF LORDS.—MONDAY.

The Earl of LUCAN called attention to the operation of the Poor Law (Ireland) Act, especially to the mode of rating lessors, which led to a conversation, in which the Earl of St. Germans, the Marquis of Lansdowne, and Lord Stanley took part.

Some returns were ordered, on the motion of the Earl FITZWILLIAM, and their Lordships adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—MONDAY.

THE EXPULSION OF ENGLISH LABOURERS FROM FRANCE.—Sir G. GREY stated, in reply to a question from Mr. A. STAFFORD, that he had received from the Mayor of Portsmouth a list of the persons who had been expelled from France and arrived in that port, with a memorandum of the sums due to them, and a note of the losses they had sustained; these had been forwarded to the Foreign-office, in order that they might be sent to the Provisional Government at Paris. Other persons were continually arriving at London and other places, who had been expelled to leave France.

RECENT RIOTOUS DEMONSTRATIONS.—In answer to Mr. GLADSTONE, Mr. LABOUCHÈRE said it was true that the coalwhippers of London had unanimously volunteered their services as special constables, the moment they found that attempts were made to create disturbances in the metropolis. Two thousand five hundred of them had proffered their services, which had been accepted by the Government; three hundred had been sworn in on Saturday; and the magistrates were in their offices to swear in as many more as might be required. Sir G. GREY remarked that the attempts made at disturbances had elicited from the great body of the inhabitants of the metropolis, and of all the large cities in the country, a resolute determination to discontinue disorder, and to preserve the public peace. In Manchester, between ten and eleven thousand persons, the great proportion operatives, had been sworn in special constables; and in Glasgow not less than twenty thousand might have been had if necessary.

LORD MORPETH postponed to Friday week the Health of Towns Bill, intimating that it would depend upon the progress made with respect to the financial measures, whether he could go on with the bill on that day or not.

THE INCOME TAX.—ADJOURNED DEBATE.

On the order of the day for Committee of Ways and Means, Mr. HUME appealed to hon. members to abstain from dilating on the question of Free Trade, and to confine their observations to the simple question of the Income Tax.

Mr. BANKES observed, that, as it had pleased Sir Robert Peel to commence the discussion on his Free Trade measures, it could not be expected that other members would allow the matter to drop.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, and the adjourned debate on the resolution that the Income Tax be continued "for a time to be limited," and on Mr. Hume's amendment, that the Income Tax be continued "for one year," was resumed by Mr. M'GREGOR. The hon. member said that he would take Mr. Hume's advice, and say very little about Free Trade; and he kept his word. He opposed the proposition for continuing the tax for three years, but was willing to consent to its continuance for one year. Alderman Sidney and Mr. Sanders supported Mr. Hume's amendment; Mr. Headlam, Mr. Rice, Mr. Lennard, and Lord Drumlanrig supported the proposition of the Government.

Mr. BUCK was not prepared to give a three years' extension of the tax to the Government. When originally imposed, the House was told that it would relieve the country from its financial difficulties.

Mr. E. B. ROCHE called upon all Irish members to refuse to go into the lobby with the Swiss guards those Ministers who were imitating the Guizot policy, and marshalling artillery and soldiery in Ireland, to put down the expression of public opinion here. The hon. member supported the amendment.

Mr. HENLEY said that if he had any doubt relative to the vote he should give, the speech of the honourable member removed it. He could not feel justified, in the present state of the country and of Europe, in refusing to give the Government the amount required for the maintenance of the national credit.

Mr. MOWATT inveighed in scornful terms against Government, of whose conduct he said he was, as a Liberal, perfectly ashamed and disgusted. The trade and commerce of the country were in a state of paralysis, and the Government showed an utter want of capacity in devising means for the increase of the finances. He supported the amendment.

Mr. HUNSON felt compelled to reject the proposal made by the Government, from a conviction that their scheme was not equal to the exigency of the crisis, and by a hope that by so doing he would force them to make the income and expenditure equal, thereby putting the finances of the country in a satisfactory state. The hon. member, in showing that the reduction of duties on imports had not benefited the consumer, but went into the pockets of the foreigner, stated the curious fact, that though the duty on corn was that day 7s., there was no rise in the price, and the price on the Continent had fallen to the amount of the duty.

Mr. COBDEN refused to discuss the question of Free Trade, and announced that he would not discuss it unless some measure for the re-establishment of Protection was brought regularly before the House. The hon. member insisted that we should not only be obliged to keep up the present amount of direct taxation, but we should be forced to increase direct taxation in order still further to reduce indirect taxation. On the score of trade and of justice to the masses of the people, it would be necessary either to reduce the expenditure or to increase direct taxation. His own reason for voting for Mr. Hume's amendment was to make the Income Tax equal, in order to render it a permanent tax. Referring to what has taken place in France, he warned the Government that danger was not from abroad but from within—from the votes of a House of Commons, elected by a fiction, and the majority of whom did not represent the opinion of the country.

LORD J. RUSSELL said the amendment before the House was a very simple one, though it was made very complex by the variety and diversity of opinions advanced in support of it. Such was the ingenuity with which Mr. Hume had framed his amendment, that he had contrived to gain supporters from the most opposite parties. It was, in fact, a motion of mere embarrassment, of distrust, and of want of confidence. Gentlemen of the most adverse views would go in a motley minority into the lobby, and there one might say to another, "Ah, I find you vote for great reduction in our establishments; I'm glad to see that." "I, Sir!" the person addressed would reply; "on the contrary, I think the establishments are too small, and should be increased rather than reduced." A third might say to his neighbour, "Oh! so you are at length a convert to the necessity of putting an end to the Free Trade experiment." "An end to Free Trade, Sir, the gentleman so accosted would answer; 'why, I am a most decided Free-trader.' Such were the heterogeneous opinions by which Mr. Hume's amendment would be supported. The noble Lord defended the Free Trade measures, and said that it would be madness in Parliament to retrograde, or to do anything that would enable those interested in exciting the people to say that Parliament will restore the Corn Law, which will expire next year, and enhance the price of food. With respect to the reduction of estimates, he felt compelled to say that no reduction that could be effected during the year would enable the Government to dispense with the Income Tax. No living man could have foreseen what had taken place in a neighbouring country. No one could have ever imagined that the French Monarchy, which seemed so strong a few weeks ago, should vanish and disappear as a mist. He hoped for peace; he had every wish to preserve the peace of Europe and of the world, and he saw nothing that endangered the preservation of peace; but no man could venture to say what time might produce; and he for one would not consent to disarm or reduce the Army and Navy at the present moment. It was the part of wise and prudent men, while darkness was around them, not to pretend that they stood in the daylight. With respect to our colonies, the noble Lord said he regarded them as part of the strength of the British empire; and he was not the person who, for any motive of economy or retrenchment, would consent to reduce any portion of that strength. If the choice of England should be to lower her position in the scale of nations, if she was content to play an humble part, let the country say so, only let him not be the instrument of what he would regard as her degradation. With reference to the charge made by Mr. E. B. Roche, that the Government was attempting to gag the people of Ireland, the noble Lord pointed to the seditious and treasonable audacity of the Irish press, and exclaimed, "If power is to remain in our hands, if my right honourable friend beside me (Sir G. Grey) and my noble friend the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland are still to wield the power of the law in Ireland, I trust we shall be able to meet those expressions of sedition and treason as they deserve—to meet those who declare that they are ready to join any enemy to the Sovereign of England. I trust we may be able to put down those conspirators, and to uphold the supremacy of law and order. Let us have the confidence of the House, and we shall hope to meet and surmount these acts of sedition and treason; refuse us that confidence, and we can only hope that power may be placed in other hands better able to carry on the affairs of the country, and to maintain the honour, the dignity, and the welfare of her Majesty and the British empire." (This portion of the noble Premier's speech, as well as those wherein he declared his resolution to preserve our colonies entire, and uphold our national defences, were vehemently and enthusiastically cheered by the great majority of the House.)

Mr. WAKLEY, Colonel Sibthorp, Mr. G. Thompson, and Mr. Pearson supported the amendment.

Mr. MUNZ also supported it, and declared that, if the Irish members assisted the Minister in forcing on the people of England a tax from which Ireland was to be exempt, he would assist, by all the means in his power, in extending this and all other English taxes to Ireland.

The committee divided—
For the original resolution 363
For the amendment 138
Majority for the Government 225
The Chairman then reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
Adjourned.

HOUSE OF LORDS.—TUESDAY.

The Audit of Railway Accounts Bill passed through Committee, on the motion of Lord MONTAGUE.

The Passengers Bill was read a second time.
Their Lordships adjourned to Thursday.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—TUESDAY.

HARWICH ELECTION PETITION.—The Chairman of the Harwich Election Committee reported that the election of Mr. J. Attwood was void, and that he was guilty of bribery by his agent. The report charged the borough with bribery and corruption.

Mr. WOOD presented a petition complaining of the interference of the Marquis of Exeter in the borough of Stamford, and gave notice of a motion on the subject.

RIOTOUS DISTURBANCES.—To a question from Sir W. CLAY, the ATTORNEY-GENERAL explained the nature of the law with respect to the claims of persons whose windows have been broken by disturbers of the peace. From the opinion of the learned gentleman, it would appear that those persons who have suffered by the late rioters are without remedy for compensation.

In reply to Mr. HUME, Lord PALMERSTON said he would have no objection to furnish an account of the additional expenses caused by our late interference at Lisbon.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.—Mr. HINDLEY inquired if the report was true that a treaty offensive and defensive had been concluded with Prussia?—Lord PALMERSTON replied that it was not true. The Prussian Government had informed the British Government that they were determined to pursue the same policy of non-interference in the affairs of France as ourselves, and to abstain from saying or doing anything that could be construed into an indication of hostile intentions.

Mr. LABOUCHÈRE, in answer to a question, said that he was obliged to postpone, for the present year, the measure he had in preparation with the object of obtaining correct agricultural statistics. The expense would be between thirty and forty thousand pounds a year; and, as the information would be valuable to the country at large, the expense of collecting it should be paid out of the Consolidated Fund. But the Chancellor of the Exchequer objected, in the present state of the finances, to sanction even this expenditure, and, therefore, he (Mr. Labouchère) was obliged to postpone his measure for a time.

ABOLITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

Mr. EWART moved for leave to bring in a bill for the total abolition of the punishment of death.

Mr. HINDLEY seconded the motion.

Sir GEORGE GREY said he would not consent to give up the only safeguard against the commission of deliberate murder. If the hon. member had contented himself with asking for a modification of the criminal code, the Government might have respected his efforts. But he had asked for the total abolition of the punishment of death, which was too much. The Irish Judges, with the exception of two, all the Scotch Judges, and a majority of the English Judges, were against the total abolition of capital punishment.

Sir C. Burrell, Sir R. Inglis, Mr. Page Wood, Mr. Drummond, and Mr. Napier opposed the motion; Mr. Lennard, Alderman Sidney, Lord Nugent, Mr. Hume, Mr. Bright, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. Brotherton, and Mr. Muniz supported it. Mr. B. Osborne, Mr. Romilly, and Mr. F. O'Connor, though favourable to the abolition of the punishment of death, and unwilling to oppose the introduction of the bill, were not prepared to abolish it in the case of wilful and deliberate murder.

The House divided—

For the motion	66
Against it	122
Majority against the motion	56

Sir H. VERNY moved an instruction to the Select Committee on the Navy, Army, and Ordnance estimates, that the employment of discharged sailors and soldiers in subordinate offices of the public departments would be advisable.

The CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER recommended the withdrawal of the motion, leaving to the committee the discretion of inquiring into the subject.

The motion was withdrawn.

GAME LAWS (SCOTLAND).—Leave was given to Mr. F. MACKENZIE to bring in a bill to enable persons qualified to kill hares in Scotland to do so without game certificates.

Mr. HUME moved an address to the Crown, praying her Majesty, in all future appointments to public offices, to compel the parties to take them subject to whatever diminution of salaries Parliament may think fit to make.—The CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER objected to an address to the Crown, but had no objection to the principle of the motion, which the Government would carry out in all possible cases.—Mr. LABOUCHÈRE and Lord PALMERSTON likewise assented to the spirit of the motion, though they could not consent to the address to her Majesty.—Mr. HUME withdrew the motion, with the intention of bringing it forward on Tuesday next, when he hoped the Prime Minister would be in his place to give him a more distinct pledge on the subject.

On the motion by Mr. BAGGE for a new writ for the borough of Harwich, Mr. BLACKSTONE brought the report of the Harwich Election Committee under the consideration of the House, which disclosed a shocking state of bribery and corruption. The honourable member moved, as an amendment, that the writ be not issued for Harwich before the 10th of April, by which time the minutes of evidence would be in the hands of Members.—Sir GEORGE GREY suggested the postponement of the motion for the new writ as the more regular course.—Mr. BAGGE withdrew his motion.

The Queen's Prison Bill passed through committee.—Adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—WEDNESDAY.

The House assembled at noon, and sat till six o'clock.

HARWICH ELECTION.—Mr. BAGGE renewed his motion for the issuing of a new writ for the borough of Harwich.—Mr. BLACKSTONE moved, as an amendment, that the issuing of the writ be suspended until after the evidence taken before the Harwich Election Committee should be printed.—After an animated discussion, Sir JAMES GRAHAM moved the adjournment of the debate.—The motion for adjournment was ultimately withdrawn; and, on the suggestion of Lord PALMERSTON, the original motion and amendment were withdrawn; and a motion was carried to the effect that the evidence be printed, and that, in the meantime, no motion should be made for the issuing of a new writ for Harwich without special notice.

ELECTION RECOGNIZANCES.—Mr. WALPOLE moved the second reading of the Election Recognizances Bill, the object of which was to cure the informality of the recognizances of certain election petitions which the Examiner of Recognizances had erroneously signed without having examined.—Mr. SPOONER moved, as an amendment, that the orders referring to the petitions presented against the return of Members to this House for the Boroughs of Bodmin, Cheltenham, Leicester, Walsall, the city of Dublin, and the county of Loughford, to the General Committee of Elections, which petitions are mentioned or referred to in the said bill, be discharged, and that no further proceedings be taken on the said petitions. The hon. Member objected to the bill as an *ex post facto* law.

Sir G. GREY, as a private member, supported the second reading of the bill; and especially objected to the amendment, as a resolution that would overrule the Act of Parliament.—The ATTORNEY-GENERAL supported the bill.—Mr. LAW and Mr. HILDYARD opposed it.—Sir R. INGLIS objected to both the bill and the amendment. He would have the law remain as it is, at least until the end of the session.—Mr. ANSTREY spoke in favour of the amendment.—The House divided on the question, that all the words after "that" in the original question be omitted:—

Ayes	124
Noes	126
Majority	2

The House divided on the question that Mr. Spooner's words be inserted:—

Ayes	78
Noes	165
Majority against this motion	87

The only word, therefore, that remained of the main question, was the word "that;" and the hour of six having arrived, the House stood adjourned.

HOUSE OF LORDS.—THURSDAY.

LORD CAMPBELL laid on the table a bill for establishing a court of appeal in criminal cases.

PASSENGERS BILL.—This bill passed through Committee, and was ordered to be reported.—Adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—THURSDAY.

MEDICAL RELIEF.—Lord ASHLEY proposed a body of resolutions founded up on the evidence taken before the Medical Relief Committee of 1844, with the view of providing medical aid for poor women in labour at the cost of the union, should they apply for it; and of introducing other modifications in the present system of medical poor relief. The resolutions led to a somewhat lengthy discussion, in the course of which Mr. C. BULLER, the President, and Lord EBRINGTON, the Secretary of the Poor Law Board, opposed the first and principal resolution, the former moving "the previous question" as an amendment. On a division the resolution was lost by a majority of 50 to 37. The discussion occupied the greater part of the evening, and at its close, the House adjourned.

THE FRENCH EMBASSY.—His Excellency the Count de Jarnac is at length relieved from his duties as French Minister at this Court. On Friday last Mr. Cottu, whose name will be familiar to many of our readers as one of the *attachés* to the former Embassy, arrived at Hertford House from Paris, charged with instructions from the Provisional Government to receive from Count de Jarnac the archives and seals of the Embassy. His Excellency, having delivered over the seals, took his final departure from Hertford House, and is now residing (where indeed he has been staying during the past fortnight) at the house of his noble brother-in-law, Lord Foley, in Grosvenor-square. Mr. Cottu is not accredited as Minister at this Court, although charged for the present with the superintendence of the affairs of the Embassy. As a proof of the economy practised by the Provisional Government in their diplomatic affairs, we may state Mr. Cottu has undertaken the duties of his office for the small stipend of £400 per annum, the yearly cost of the late Embassy being something between £14,000 and £15,000. Mr. Cottu, when attached to the Embassy under the late highly-respected ambassador, the Count de St. Anlaire, was one of the unpaid officers. He left England some time since to undertake the duties of Secretary to the French Embassy at Brussels, an office to which, however, he had not been appointed up to the date of the late Revolution. The Count de Bearn and M. de Rebaudy have resigned their posts in the Embassy. The Count Louis de Noailles was also understood to have done so some days since, but, although the Count left Hertford House for a short period, he has since returned, and is at present residing there.



VILLA AT EAST SHEEN, NEAR RICHMOND.

This commodious Villa has been hospitably placed at the disposal of part of the ex-Royal Family of France, by its proprietor, Joshua Bates, Esq., father-in-law of his Excellency M. Van de Weyer, the Belgian Ambassador. The house was offered by Mr. Bates to the Duke of Nemours, as a retreat, where he could receive the other members of the Royal Family as they should arrive, and where they might remain until it was determined what course they should pursue. The Duke of Nemours and his illustrious sister-in-law, the Duchess of Montpensier, first arrived here, and were joined by the Duchess of Nemours and the Duke of Montpensier.

The Villa was formerly the residence of Henry Hope, Esq., of Amsterdam.

MUSIC.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

The first Concert was given for the season on Monday night, at the Hanover-square Rooms, and the attendance proved that the deserved popularity of these intellectual entertainments is still maintained in full force.

Monday's programme comprised a Symphony in B minor, by Hesse, an organist of fame, now Chapel Master at Breslau. The symphony has been for some time in the Philharmonic library, and its performance was suggested, we presume, in obedience to the cry for novelty. It is of little avail to enter into an analysis of a work which, in all probability, will never be heard again; let it suffice that the movements were Haydnish in idea and Spohr's in treatment, exhibiting nothing novel in forms, but contrived and wrought according to the accepted canons with simplicity, and here and there a touch of elegance, especially in the slow movement. Its reception proved that as to effect it was a complete failure; and when the colossal conceptions of Beethoven were heard in his magnificent Piano-forte Concerto in E flat, played with taste, feeling, and intelligence by Mrs. Anderson, the auditory were awakened into enthusiasm, as if from a sleep.

In the second part, we had the restoration of Mendelssohn's second symphony in A, which the lamented composer intended to have revised in the two latter movements. Now that Mendelssohn has ceased to exist, we find that already there are converts to his undying fame. Living, we should have heard this symphony severely canvassed by the Perruques—those who call innovations freaks, and changes absurdities; but dead, we hear of an opposite criticism, and the genius is awarded to the past which was coldly refused to the present.

Sainton's violin concerto began well; the opening movement was succeeded by a sonorous slow one, and wound up with downright rubbish—of which the great player seemed so conscious, that he lost his head. How such a great and conscientious violinist, like Sainton, can persist in playing his own compositions, is to us inconceivable. His concerto was a mistake that his powerful executive powers could not retrieve.

Beethoven's "Man of Prometheus" overture closed a Concert of great attraction despite of its contrarieties. The vocal gleamings were an immensely difficult scena from Spohr's "Azor and Zemira," quite beyond the vocal attributes of that interesting singer, Miss A. Williams, who, by a similar error, was taxed beyond her powers in the "Semiramide" duo with Alboni. The great contralto gave Cherubini's air from Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro," "Voi che sapete," with such delicious sweetness and simplicity as to command an encore; and, in Rossini's celebrated "Pensa all' patria," from the "Italiana in Algeri," narrowly escaped a similar compliment, for her marvellous compass of voice and flexibility.

The next Concert will be on the 27th of March. An excellent alteration has been made in favour of subscribers by having their places reserved for them. We may also notice that Sainton is the first violin in place of poor Tom Cooke, of facetious memory; and that Mr. George Budd, the Secretary of the Western Madrigal Society, a well-known and respected amateur, is now the Secretary to the Society.

SACRED HARMONIC SOCIETY.

Mendelssohn's "Paul" was performed on Wednesday night at Exeter Hall; Mr. Perry, the late leader, acting as conductor, in place of Mr. Surman. The solo parts were sustained by Miss Birch, Miss Dolby, Mr. Lockey, Mr. A. Novello, and Mr. H. Phillips, who have been long habituated to this music, and were, therefore, quite at home in their respective parts. We cannot praise the general execution—the chorus in steadiness and the band in precision leaving almost everything to be desired. This Society, which began under such bright auspices, and has been a source of such real pleasure to the amateur, is now under a cloud from internal divisions, which have arisen from a praiseworthy desire to improve the performances. Mr. Surman, the late conductor, we are free to confess, was certainly an obstacle to such improvement; but in his dismissal consideration ought to have been paid to the really great services he has rendered in the early days of the organization of the society. It was scarcely just to fasten upon him in his natural position as a music trader "serious and grave charges," from which a Committee of seceders, now styling themselves the London Sacred Harmonic Society, has just exonerated him. We hope there will be room for both Societies; but one of the great conditions of effective execution must be the presence of a conductor of great professional experience and tact, and of moral weight with the orchestra, even when composed chiefly of amateurs, who ought not to be admitted unless they submit to the strongest rules for discipline and rehearsal. We perceive that the Sacred Harmonic Society has announced for the 29th Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" and Handel's "Dettingen Te Deum." The London Sacred Harmonic Society has elected the Rev. G. Roberts President, and the Rev. Dr. Worthington Vice-President; and we trust that the accession of such men of peace may put an end to virulent controversy.

MR. LUCAS'S MUSICAL EVENINGS.—On Wednesday night these classical meetings commenced for the season at Mr. Lucas's residence in Berner's street. This Professor, who is the conductor of the Royal Academy Concerts, one of the Directors of the Philharmonic Society, and violoncello performer next to Lindley in the Royal Italian Opera band, is much respected in the musical circles. His musical evenings for the performance of Chamber Music attract a numerous circle of influential amateurs. Wednesday's scheme comprised Spohr's Quartet in B flat from Op. 74, Mozart's Seventh Quartet in D, Mendelssohn's duo for Piano and Violoncello, and Beethoven's Quartet in G, Op. 18. Sainton, Blagrove, Hill, and Lucas were the exponents of the Quatuors, and Sterndale Bennett and Lucas of the Duo.

AMATEUR MUSICAL SOCIETY.—On Friday night, the rehearsal for the third concert for the ensuing week took place at the Hanover-square Rooms, conducted by Mr. Lucas. A new symphony in F, composed by Mr. Henry Leslie, the Hon. Secretary of the Society, and an accomplished amateur who has already earned distinction as a composer, was performed. We shall report progress next week. At the second concert, the scheme comprised Beethoven's "Egmont" overture, Lobe's "Solabella" overture, Locke's Music in "Macbeth," Beethoven's Symphony in E No. 8, and adaptations of themes from Meyerbeer's "Robert le Diable" and Rossini's "Siege of Corinth" were performed.

THE BEETHOVEN QUARTETT SOCIETY.—On Monday next the Beethoven Quartett Society will hold its first meeting in Harley-street, under the direction of M. Rousselot, the composer and violoncellist. Mollue, the celebrated violinist and composer, the Chapel Master of the King of Wurtemberg, has ex-

At his death the property was purchased by the Marquis of Allesbury, from whom the late Earl Grey rented it, and resided there while he was Prime Minister. In 1841, the property was purchased of Lord Allesbury by Mr. Bates, the present owner. The house is large, which circumstance, coupled with its proximity to the metropolis, led to its being chosen in preference to similar accommodation offered by several of the nobility and gentry, who were anxious to testify their respect and sympathy for Louis Philippe and his family. This will be perfectly understood, when it is considered that, while King of France, Louis Philippe was remarkable for his courtesy to strangers; and there are few persons of station who have visited Paris who have not been admitted to his "receptions."

The Duke and Duchess of Montpensier, we should add, have left Sheen for Germany.

pressly visited this country to play in the quartetts. Sainton will alternate in the first and second violins with Mollue, Hill being the viola, and Rousselot the violoncello. It is expected that Sivioli will arrive in time from the United States to take a part in these fine performances.

MR. LINDSAY SLOPER.—The third soirée of pianoforte music was given by this accomplished pianist on Thursday night at Willis's Rooms.

ANCIENT CONCERTS.—On Monday morning the rehearsal for the first concert, on Wednesday next, will take place at the Hanover-square Rooms.

THE THEATRES.

HER MAJESTY'S.

The past week's performances at Her Majesty's Theatre have been more than usually brilliant; in fact, we never remember any ante-Easter entertainments at this establishment given in such excellent style, or attended with such signal success. Before passing to the production of "Attila," which was the event of the week, we cannot forbear noticing the admirable manner in which the "Barbiero" was given on Saturday. Often as we have seen Rossini's delightful *chef-d'œuvre*, we never relished its drollery, or delighted in its rich and varied melodies and admirable instrumentation, more than on that evening.

The production of "Attila," however, deserves our greatest attention. This is one of Verdi's more recent operas, and met, in Italy, with the success the works of this, almost the only composer of eminence left to that land of music, are sure to command. The work itself possesses the beauties and defects peculiar to Verdi—a certain grandeur of conception and power of dramatic effect is even more striking here than in many other of the *maestro's* compositions. There is a warmth, spirit, and energy in the music which carries away the listener, which excites and inspires; at the same time, there is a want of softness and repose, which is, in this opera, more than usually perceptible. The too frequent use of the drums and the brass instruments is the great fault we have to find with this work.

We now come to the plot of the opera.—The scene is placed principally at Aquileia, a Roman colony on the Adriatic, which from its grandeur was honoured by the ancients with the appellation of "Roma Secunda." *Attila*, having overcome and devastated this great city, amidst his rejoicings after the event is surprised by the appearance of a band of Aquilejan virgins, led by *Odabella*, daughter of the Lord of Aquileia, who has been killed in the battle; she denies the conqueror, who, touched by her beauty and her courage, asks what boon he can confer on her; she replies "A sword," and he gives his own. The object of *Odabella* is to exact towards *Attila*—the scourge of her country—the part of Judith towards Holofernes, and avenge her father and her countrymen; but when the moment of execution comes she hesitates, and remains in the barbarian camp—the object of *Attila's* admiration. When her lover, *Foresto*, the chief of the remaining Aquilejans, and *Ezio*, the leader of the defeated Romans, re-appear—the one disguised, the other feigning treachery to his imperial master—when they compass the means of poisoning *Attila* at a feast, and of assailing his camp in the confusion of the hour, *Odabella*, at the very moment of the catastrophe, is touched with pity, and saves the life of the tyrant of her country. *Attila* now insists on sharing his throne with *Odabella*; but hardly are the nuptial rites celebrated than *Foresto* finds means of penetrating once more into the camp, and upbraids *Odabella* with her perfidy and her forgetfulness of all her vows and duties. At the thoughts of the wrongs of her lover, her father, and her country, her heart is steeled to the execution of her first resolve of vengeance, and she stabs *Attila* to the heart.

Gardoni sings charmingly the music allotted to *Foresto*—his first aria and duet with Cruvelli especially. His voice seems to have gained wonderfully in fullness and power, while it has lost nothing of its sweetness and peculiar charm. In a dramatic point of view, the part is not very striking, except in the last quartet which precedes the death of *Attila*, in which he and all seemed inspired by the situation.

Cuzzani gives in this opera a far more favourable specimen of his powers than he has yet done. He sings with far more strength, and with the excellent musical taste and skill we had before discovered in him; and he likewise acts the part of the Roman General with great spirit.

Mdlle. Cruvelli, however, made the great hit of the evening. She is incomparably greater in the part of *Odabella* than in any other in which we have seen her. This is evidently the character of part in which she excels. In her carriage and movements, her impassioned gestures, and almost inspired energy, she enacts the proud Amazon to perfection. Her first warlike air, "Donne Italiche," created a tumult of enthusiasm. At the conclusion of the opera, she was greeted by unanimous cheering. The scenery, which we have not space to criticise in detail, is excellent; on the whole, it is impossible for an opera to be better got up, or performed with more *ensemble* and spirit, on the part of orchestra, chorus, singers, and all engaged; and we must not conclude without a well-deserved compliment to Mr. Balie, to whom, doubtless, much of this perfection is owing.

A grand night will be given on Thursday next, for the benefit of the distressed artisans of the metropolis. It is given with the sanction of her gracious Majesty. Amongst the patrons are the Queen Dowager, and many of the most illustrious personages of the kingdom.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.

Rossini's "Tancredi" has been given three times, and will be repeated this evening (Saturday). On Tuesday night the house was fully and fashionably attended, and the opera was received with the greatest enthusiasm, Alboni being rapturously encored in "Di tanti palpiti," and also with Madame Persiani in the slow movement of the duo "Lasciami," in the second act. Although between the first and third performance of *Tancredi* by Alboni there has been an immense improvement, we still think that the part is not adapted for her powers. Alboni, with one of the most lovely and sympathetic voices ever given to an *artiste*, essentially excels in passages of pathos. She can play with infinite vivacity and spirit half-comic half-serious characters; but when she has to depict the grand and heroic—when she has to develop the varied phases of impassioned and lofty feeling, Alboni fails. We have seen this result in Paris, and we have now had it confirmed in London. Every *artiste* has her speciality, and histrionic genius is not that possessed by Alboni: she is naturally indolent on the stage, and for a vocalist of her extraordinary powers, we never witnessed so little disposition for exertion if she can possibly avoid it. In the duos and concerted

pieces she scarcely sings at all: it is only when she arrives at her solo that she is roused, and then startles her hearers by her delicious, pleasing, and perfect intonation, her overwhelming vocal volubility, and her showers of graces.

It must also be recollected that the music of *Tancredi* lies in the weakest portion of Alboni's register, namely the medium notes; and since the first night "Di tanti palpiti" has been transposed for her, great increase of brilliancy and power being thus manifested.

The great triumph of Madame Persiani in the part of *Amenade* has been the universal subject of admiration. In the three evenings that she has sung, her marvellous vocalisation and artistic feeling have provoked unbounded signs of delight. The rapturous expression of joy that she pours forth in the prison scene, with such daring and dazzling feats of execution, has been nightly received with *furor*; and the accomplished performers in the orchestra, who are capable of appreciating her accomplished *fioriture*, are scarcely able to restrain their plaudits, even during the accompaniments.

Tamburini, Salvi, and Lavin are expected to arrive from St. Petersburg this morning; and Rovere, the eminent *buffo-comico*, will be here from Barcelona early next week. Corradi Setti, the new baritone, is already in town. At the end of this month the incomparable Grisi, Madame Ronconi, and Mdlle. Corbari, Mario, Tagliafico, and Ronconi will arrive from Paris. Mdlle. Steffanoni and Marini are on their way from Florence. Madame Pauline Garcia Viardot, the gifted sister of the lamented Malibran, has reached Paris, after her most triumphant season in Berlin, and will be here in April.

STRAND.

On Tuesday night, this theatre was opened for operatic purposes, under the musical direction of Mr. Tully, with Mr. Fitzhall's English version of Donizetti's "Figlia del Reggimento," sustained by Miss Poole, Mr. Donald King, Mr. Jorani, Mr. S. Jones, Mr. Hornecastle, &c. The performance was received with the loudest demonstrations of satisfaction. Miss Poole was in good voice, and sang and acted her popular character of *Maria* with the greatest spirit and intelligence. Jorani succeeded M. Phillips as *Sergeant Sulpizio*, and played with heartiness. Mrs. Leman Rede was the *Countess*. The choruses and band were, in proportion to the size of the theatre, effective. After the opera, an extravaganza called the "Crummlees, or the Rehearsal Rehearsed," and the farce of the "Lost Letter," were performed; besides a *divertissement*, in which Mdlle. Louise Blanch and Mr. Smith danced a *pas de deux*. The management has engaged two broad comedians, Mr. Oxberry and Mr. Robert Romer, for the farces, so that a hearty laugh will not be wanting, after the musical assault on the senses.

OLYMPIC.

To judge from the exhibition of Monday evening, the "legitimate" spirit at the Olympic appears to be rapidly approaching its decline; for never was anything so disgraceful as the manner in which "The Merchant of Venice" was attempted to be performed for the *début* of Mr. Brooke in *Shylock*.

Antonio failed altogether, and *Salarino* and *Solanio* both broke down, and then endeavoured to exculpate themselves by explanations to the audience that rendered the state of affairs still more deplorable. Of *Shylock* we shall say nothing; we must have another opportunity of witnessing the performance before we offer a shade of an opinion respecting it.

Some amends were, however, made to the patrons of the theatre on Wednesday evening, when Mr. Brooke appeared as *Master Walter*, in Mr. Knowles's play of "The Hunchback." To our thinking, it is his best performance: it was quiet, dignified, and impressive. There was none of the wearying rant that has, with the exception of *Othello*, marred all his previous impersonations; but the part was played throughout in a manly, sensible style, that entirely enlisted the sympathies of the audience. It is not going too far to say that we never saw the character better acted, and especially throughout the fifth act.

Some sensation was created by the *début* of a Miss E. M. Duret, as *Julia*, who made a most favourable impression, and is likely to take a very good position. She has an elegant figure, a clear effective voice, fine eyes, and a most expressive face, although not in its first youth; and the announcement in the bill, that she was "of great provincial celebrity," could readily be believed. Indeed, seeing how really clever she is, and what a perfect mistress of stage business, the only wonder is that she has never been in London before. Her scene with *Clifford*, in the fourth act, was in the highest style of impressive acting; and, but for an unpleasant catching-in of her breath after her sentences, would have offered nothing to find fault with. She was, during the progress of the play, greeted with thunders of applause, some of which was as vehement as, if not heartier than, that awarded to Mr. Brooke. We have rarely seen a more satisfactory first appearance of a provincial actress; and was fully entitled to all the approbation she elicited. Miss Kate Howard, who played *Helen*, contrived to make the character as coarse as possible. The other performers call for no remark either way. At the conclusion, when Miss Duret appeared, with Mr. Brooke, before the curtain, she was rewarded with a shower of bouquets. We should like to see her in *Lady Macbeth*.

PRINCESS.

A Mrs. Barrett, "from the United States," appeared at this house on Tuesday evening, as *Lady Teazle*, in the "School for Scandal," and has added another name to the list of unattracting mediocrity of talent which the manager of this theatre has of late been pleased to bring before the public, in the absence of "stars."

Following upon the remarks we have made above, in speaking of the Olympic, it may be conceived, when we find fault with the Princess's management, that we are writing in a splenetic and fault-finding humour. But such is not the case; it is so pleasant to praise, conscientiously, that a candid stage-critic only goes out of his way when called upon to deprecate the style of performances at this or that theatre. But, on the "off-nights," the hopes of the management of the Princess appear to be so rapidly sinking, that every straw is caught at thought capable of sustaining them in ever so little a degree.

Miserable vaudevilles—one of which, something about Michaelmas, and translated from the French piece, "C'est Monsieur qui pale," was damned last week; and another, called "Mammon and Gammon," which ought to have been on Tuesday—are the chief novelties; or, if other entertainments are given, unknown performers are allowed to try experiments upon the judgment of the public.

The lady who came out on Tuesday evening is not calculated to take any very great position. She has evidently been used to the stage, and read the part sensibly and correctly; but her appearance is somewhat against her, lacking the grace and fashionable air required for *Lady Teazle*. She has, however, a more than common share of liveliness, and, we think, would succeed far better in lighter characters, than in the difficult one she chose for her *début*. Mr. Compton was *Sir Peter*. He cannot play anything badly, but we have seen him to greater advantage. Mr. Vining and Mr. Cooper were somewhat mature for *Charles* and *Joseph Surface*. We should add that the applause which greeted the new actress was unqualified, and appeared to be cordial.

MARYLEBONE.

It would seem that the standard drama, unaided by other sources of attraction, is not in itself sufficient to fill this well-conducted house, Sadler's Wells appearing to be the only theatre that has contrived to stand alone with this object. Mrs. Warner has brought out a fairy extravaganza, written by Mr. Charles Selby, called "The Enchanted Tower, or the Adventures of Prince Headstrong and the Princess Bloomingbell," and being written in the ultra-comical vein, which characterises Mr. Selby's extravaganzas, and excellently well put upon the stage, is tolerably successful.

We do not know any story on which it is founded: the plot partakes of the nature of a pantomime opening, and appears to be a concoction from the "Arabian Nights," the "Countess d'Anols," "Mother Bunch," and other fairy and supernatural *repertoires*; there being, of course, a Prince and Princess in love with each other, a King, a chamberlain, and a tribe of physicians, courtiers, spirits, and other accessories, whose adventures, with the aid of nice costumes and really beautiful scenery, are received with great relish.

The piece is capably played. We have before had occasion to speak most favourably of clever, quaint little Miss Saunders, and this young lady proved herself as great an acquisition to a burlesque *troupe* as she is to a legitimate one. Miss Huddart, Miss Parker, and Mr. Webb also deserve a word of praise.

Mr. Sterling Coyne has a farce in preparation at the ADELPHI, in which the pantomimist, M. Paul Legrand, is to appear as a deaf and dumb person. We shall then have an opportunity of forming a better opinion of his acting than in *Pierrot*.

Mr. Dance has a new piece, to embrace all the company, in rehearsal at the LYCEUM: so also has Mr. Buckstone.

A new and splendid ballet, arranged by Mr. Benjamin Barnett, is to be brought out on Monday at the OLYMPIC.

Nothing is settled about the SURETY, which has arrived at the lowest state of vacillating management. Mr. Phelps and Mrs. Warner are each spoken of as likely to become the lessees.

THE NORTH AMERICAN MAILS.—The following important notice as to the days of sailing of the mail steam-packets between Liverpool and North America was issued on Wednesday at the General Post-office, St. Martin's-le-Grand:—"During the ensuing summer mails will be transmitted between Liverpool and North America once a week by the British Contract Mail Steam-packets, which will leave Liverpool for Boston and New York alternately on every Saturday, and leave Liverpool for Boston and New York alternately on every Saturday, and will be despatched from Boston and New York alternately on their return voyage, every Wednesday. This weekly service will commence with the outward packets in April, and with the homeward packets in May, and will continue until the end of November; after which time and during the following four months mails will be conveyed to Boston and New York only once a fortnight instead of weekly. The following table will show the dates upon which the first six packets will be despatched during the summer both to and from North America, and will form a guide for the remainder of the year:—The packets will leave Liverpool for Boston on Saturday the 8th of April, Saturday the 22nd of April, Saturday the 6th of May; for New York, on Saturday the 15th of April, Saturday the 29th of April, and Saturday the 13th of May. The packets will leave Boston for Liverpool on Wednesday the 5th of April, Wednesday the 3d of May, and Wednesday the 17th of May; New York for Liverpool, on Wednesday the 19th of April, Wednesday the 10th of May, and Wednesday the 24th of May. The branch packet for Newfoundland will be despatched from Halifax on the arrival at the latter port of the homeward packet from Boston; and the branch packet for Bermuda will be despatched on the arrival at Halifax of the outward packet for Boston." The next mails for British North America and the United States will be made up on the evening of the 24th instant, to be forwarded by the *Hibernia* steamer *via* Liverpool, Halifax, and New York. Next packet due, the *Britannia* steamer, on the 25th inst., at Liverpool.

PARLIAMENTARY PORTRAITS.

MR. CHARLES COWAN.

MR. CHARLES COWAN, M.P. for Edinburgh, is one of the many members of the present Parliament who belong to the manufacturing class of the community. The hon. gentleman is the eldest son of Mr. Alexander Cowan, merchant, of Edinburgh, and is a large paper-manufacturer in partnership with his father.

He was first returned to Parliament at the general election, in autumn last, when he succeeded in throwing out Mr. Macaulay, the Paymaster-General of the Forces, but, having been engaged at the time in the performance of some Government contracts, his election became void, and he was unable to take his seat in the House of Commons immediately on the assembling of Parliament, in November last. He, however, freed himself of that source of disqualification, and, having again presented himself to the electors of his native city, was a second time elected their representative.

Notwithstanding his manufacturing engagements, Mr. Cowan has found time to devote himself to literary pursuits, and matters connected with the administration of the affairs of the Church of Scotland. He is the author of the article on the manufacture of paper in the "Encyclopædia Britannica," and also of some pamphlets. He was an Elder of the Established Scotch Church from 1830 to 1843, when he took part in the great Secession, and is at the present time an acting Elder of the Free Church. In his mercantile capacity he is a member of the Merchants' Company of Edinburgh, and one of the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of that city.

In politics Mr. Cowan is a Liberal; he has taken an active part in the proceedings of the National Anti-Excise Association, being desirous to strike the fetters of the Excise from all useful trades and manufactures. He has declared himself opposed to the Bank Restriction Act of 1844, and a supporter of the Scotch banking system. He is also adverse to the endowment of the Roman Catholic clergy by the State.

Mr. Cowan received his education at the High School and University of Edinburgh, and at the Auditoire of Geneva. Whether he may prove an effective speaker in "the House," there has as yet been but little opportunity of judging; the recollection of the brilliant oratorical displays, which his eloquent and accomplished predecessor in the representation of Edinburgh has so often made before the assembled Commons, may operate somewhat to whet the criticism of an auditory always fastidious, and tend to excite invidious comparison, which we will not here anticipate; but his habits of business warrant the expectation that he will be a good "working member," and therefore an useful accession to the representative body. Not having taken any prominent part in politics prior to the last general election, his return is attributable not more to the gradually declining popularity of Mr. Macaulay in Edinburgh for some considerable time previously, than to the high respect entertained by the constituency there for both the hon. gentleman and his father.

Mr. Cowan has married a daughter of the Rev. W. Menzies, Presbyterian Minister of Lanark.

DRURY-LANE.

We last week described the clever performances of the *Cirque National troupe* at Drury-Lane. The achievements of the female riders are by far the most attractive; and among the most graceful feats is that of *Mlle. Palmyre Anato*, illustrated in our Engraving.

We are glad to learn that the performances of the *troupe* have attracted numerous and fashionable audiences. Among the visitors on Monday and Tuesday were—the Duke of Wellington, the Marquis and Marchioness of Douro, Count de Montemolin, the Marquis and Marchioness of Douglas, the Marquis of Donegal, his Excellency the Brazilian Minister and family, Earl Fitzwilliam and family, Count D'Orsay, Lord Chesterfield, Earl of Munster, Earl Fitzhardinge,



MR. C. COWAN M.P. FOR EDINBURGH.

Lord Adolphus Fitzclarence, Lords A. and G. Lennox, Lord Templemore, Lord John Hay, Lady Louisa Ramsay, Sir G. Wombwell, Sir Bellingham Graham, Lord Somerton, Lord Canterbury, Miss Burdett Coutts, Lord G. Paget, &c.

AMERICAN THEATRICALS.—New York, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Sharp, a cantatrice well known here, was a few days ago on her way to Washington in a steam-boat to fulfil an engagement, when she accidentally fell overboard, and though immediately picked up was found to be irrecoverable. Collins, the Irish comedian, has just concluded a very successful engagement at New Orleans. He cleared 800 dollars by his benefit. Edwin Forrest is playing at New Orleans. The theatre at Vicksburg was totally destroyed by fire on the 29th of January. The Ethiopian Serenaders are giving concerts at Boston. The Vienneoise children have been performing at Mobile. Professor Lisle and Sons are performing at the St. Charles, New Orleans. Tableaux Vivans, or, as they are called here, Model Artists, have been very successful, though great opposition to them is manifested in other parts of the States. A lady of fashion, in this city, recently hired a party to exhibit in her drawingroom before a very numerous party of her friends.

PARIS FASHIONS FOR MARCH.

ARE fashions of very great interest amid events like those we have been witness, ing, at the very moment when the public mind has not recovered itself. No, most assuredly not; besides, no balls have supplied our usual informations, although our correspondents mention that French gaiety is far from being extinguished, and that the test of dancing parties will soon be at an end. The French Republic wishes for every one to enjoy themselves. This very week balls were intended to take place, and all kinds of festivities are projected, to honour and help the wounded of the three patriotic days. Notwithstanding the course of things, fashion cannot be forsaken. Whatever may pre-occupy ladies, they must always give a glance to their toilet; and we shall be welcome in mentioning all our glimpses of the new-fashioned dresses in Paris. If we believe the various reports that have already reached us, Louis XV.'s style will be put aside, and all its coquettish ornaments contemplated as no more becoming. Skirts are to be worn short and narrow, and the severe costume of the Roman Republic called to replace the luxurious and fancy dresses of *La Pompadour*. We really feel quite alarmed if such prophecies are to be realised. Short waists and narrow skirts can never be graceful; and we have only to look at the pictures of our mothers' youth to agree that we will oppose, as much as it is possible to oppose such a revolution. No doubt that our present long waists and immense wide skirts may appear very puzzling to the eyes of a future generation that will invent fashions of their own; but they must, nevertheless, agree that much grace, coquetry, and elegance mark our present century.

In a few days, Spring fashions in Paris will have settled all our doubts; and although nothing can be a wonder in revolution, it will allow us the liberty of keeping the most becoming fashions.

In the absence of trustworthy information, and not willing to mislead our fair readers, we only give this Number an Engraving of the last quiet family's fashion; and by whatever Republican fashions they may be replaced, we reckon them to be very tasteful and becoming.

A dress of green *reps* is trimmed in the front with green velvet band; the bonnet is of pink terry velvet lined with white satin; a long curled pink feather twisted around the form, and falls very low on the side. The small collar is in *Valenciennes*; and the cuffs, of plain gathered lace, are trimmed with a small flat *Valenciennes*.

Young ladies wear plain white muslin dresses; the three skirts are embroidered with coloured silks. The body, cut *à la vierge*, is also embroidered with a smaller garland than the one of the skirts. A bow of satin *jaspe* ribbon raises the third skirt on the left side. Long sash with a bow. A crown of white and pink camellias placed on bandeaux undulated, and covering the ears.

Taffetas *Ecossais*, is very fashionable for children's dresses: a muslin *caneton à la Suisse*, with long sleeves, very full, and gathered on the wrist. The shoes are in *peau dorée*.

The most fashionable head-dresses are actually and *la Marguerite de Valois*, *à la belle Gabrielle*, *à la Reine Margot*. It is reported in stylish boudoirs that the new head-dresses will be *à la Reine*, *à la Faltien*; but we will not give their description until their appearance has been approved in high circles.

The hair-dress assumes entirely the style of Marie Stuart's century. The hair, twisted in a crown on the back part of the head, is fixed most elegantly by a tortoise-shell comb. For evening parties or balls, they add crowns of flowers, branches of green, with small flowers or coloured beads interspersed, held by very small string of little flowers or leaves crossing the forehead.

Brussels lace, Angletorre on satin, point d'Alençon on velvet, are in good taste. Ladies must never be induced to wear *Valenciennes* or *Maline* on evening dresses, however rich and beautiful they may be; they are only fit for morning dresses, and thus employed they prove extremely stylish and elegant. A most important change is about to take place in Paris: ladies, we hear, will leave off wearing boots to adopt again the shoes, so very becoming to the foot.

Mantles for evening parties are most elegant, and we may say comfortable; for the capuche added to them prevents any cold wind so injurious to health. This part of ladies' dress has most assuredly attained a great perfection; and, as our Engraving illustrates, mantles are very stylish and becoming. Evening mantles are generally made in satin or terry velvet, of light shades, lined with white satin; a splendid black lace flounce is gathered all around, and a wide ribbon plaited on the flounce completes the rich trimming. The plaited ribbon must be continued in front of the mantle, from the neck to the end of the lace. Mantles are worn shorter this season, and their shape is cut in such a manner as to form half sleeves falling on the arm.

The Algerian mantle, as sketched in the Engraving, is in green velvet, lined with light-shaded pink satin. A rich embroidered garland in twisted silk adorns it. The capuche has long folds, ended by an Algerian tassel. The shape of this mantle is not, perhaps, so elegant as the first we described; but it is far more convenient, and especially suitable for elderly ladies.

A great change is proposed in gentlemen's dress: the shape of coats, *pardessus*, and *pantalons* will be thoroughly altered. If we may trust reports reaching us from Paris, wide pantaloons will be laid aside, and replaced by pantaloons tight on the ankle, and showing entirely the foot; shoes and silk stockings will be indispensable; and some very stylish young *beaux* even mention the *culottes* (small clothes) to be adopted for balls in this season.

We have been so engaged in directing our fair Subscribers in their choice for



FRANCONI AT DRURY-LANE.—Mlle. PALMYRE ANATO IN THE CIRCLE.

silks, shades, and the making of their dresses, that we have hitherto omitted the most important foundation of all dressing, *stays*. No dress will suit if the figure be not improved by stays properly fitted, and all ladies will acknowledge that one of the greatest difficulties they meet with is to provide a clever stay-maker. A patent has been recently obtained in France, Belgium, and Great Britain, by an ingenious Frenchman for a new corset. Its novelty consists in the interweaving an extremely fine elastic thread with the material of which the corset is made. Being formed on a purely anatomical model of the female figure, and its elasticity causing it to give way to every motion of the body, at the same time affording every support to the form, it allows the size of the waist to be reduced without the injurious effects of the tight lacing required by all other stays. We feel assured that when this improvement is known, it must necessarily supersede all other kinds of *corsets*. The agents for the patentee in this country are Messrs. W. Thomas and Brothers, of Cheapside.

FREE EXHIBITION OF SELECT BRITISH MANUFACTURES.

In our Journal for March 13, 1847, we detailed and illustrated the First of a Series of Annual Exhibitions of Select Specimens of British Manufactures and Decorative Art, given by the Society of Arts, with the view of contributing essentially to the progress of those objects for the encouragement of which it was originally instituted. Our readers may recollect that we regarded this display as a "move in the right direction;" and the interest it has excited is numerically attested by the fact of no fewer than 20,000 persons having visited the Exhibition.

On Wednesday week, a private view of the Second Exhibition took place at the house of the Society of Arts, in the Adelphi. On the following day it was visited by his Royal Highness Prince Albert, the President of the Society. The Prince having examined the subjects minutely, pronounced the Collection to be in every respect superior to that of last year; and on leaving, His Royal Highness gave instructions that copies of some of the most valuable articles should be procured for his private use.

On Saturday evening, the Society gave a second private view of the Exhibition. Their suite of apartments was brilliantly lighted for the occasion, and the Great Room, especially, presented a very superb appearance; the costly specimens were judiciously ranged around the Saloon, and were exhibited very effectively by the abundance of light, which also showed Barry's magnificent pictures, and the enriched ceiling of the room, to great advantage. Among the company we observed the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Earl of Auckland, Lord Colborne, and General Fox. The visitors also included the Earl of Harrowby, Lord Robert Grosvenor, M.P.; Mr. Hume, M.P.; Chief Justice Park; Sir J. Clarke; Professor Graham; Mr. Auldjo; the Marquis of Northampton; Sir George Staunton; Mr. T. Wyse, M.P.; Mr. W. Tooke, Dr. Farey, &c.

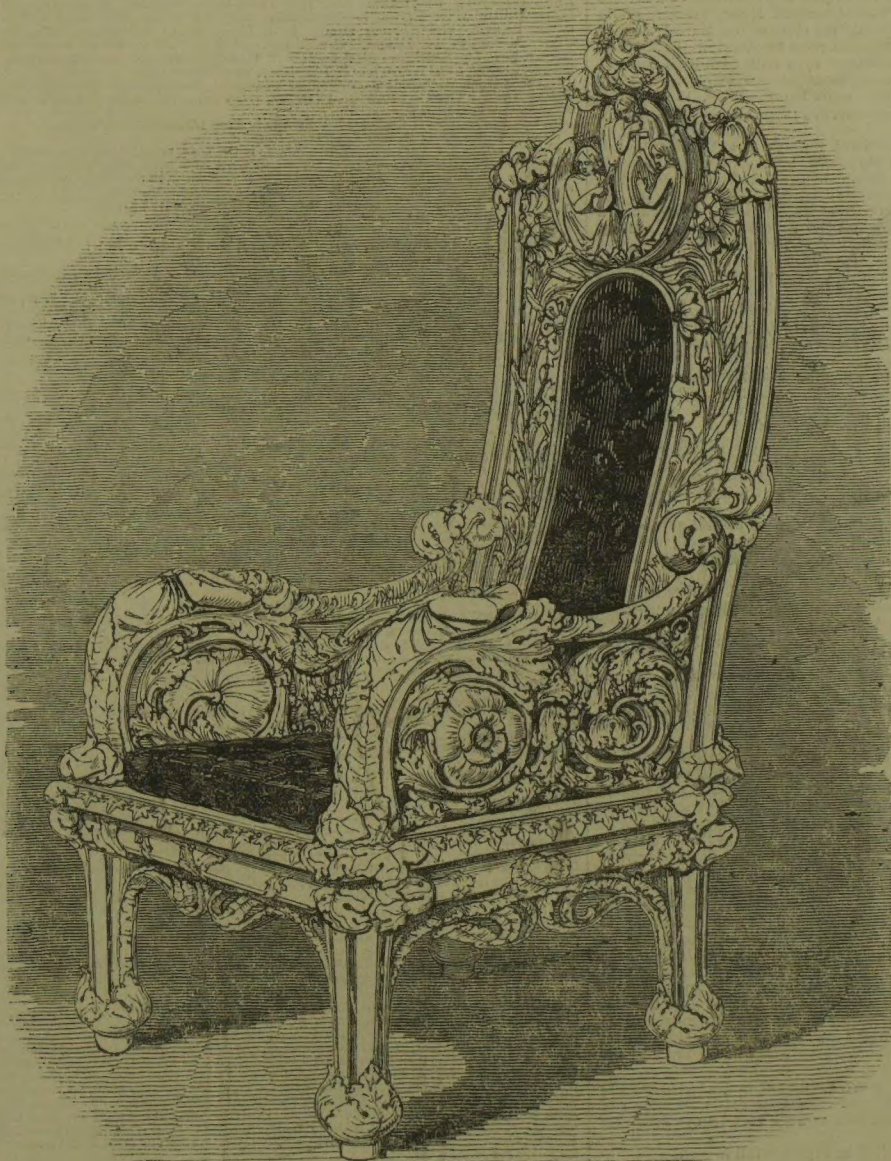
The character of this Exhibition is, in every respect, superior to that of last year's display: the subjects are more numerous, more important, of improved design as works of art, and of improved quality as articles of manufacture, beyond those of last year. "Great Artists and the great Manufacturers have united themselves to co-operate earnestly with each other. The Sculptor has joined himself to the Machine Carver, the Painter to the Paper Stainer, the Designer to the Potter, the men of high art to the workmen in Brass, and Iron, and Silver, and Gold. The Chemist has associated himself with the Glass manufacturer, the Engineer with the Carver in stone, the Mineralogist with the Lapidary, the Geometer with the Tile manufacturer, the Architect with the Builder; and the result has been an advancement within the past twelve months, which exceeds the expectations of the most sanguine among the Society."

As the Catalogue comprises about 700 subjects, we shall only be able to notice comparatively few of them. In the centre of the Large Room—a prominent position justified by the merit of the work—is THE "REPOSE" ARM CHAIR, modelled by Mr. J. Thomas, whose productions in the New Palace at Westminster have been so much admired. This Chair is of highly poetic design; and combines the artistically enriched character of ancient art, with the convenient form of the modern easy chair. It is peculiarly graceful and flowing; and the floral and other enrichments are beautiful and appropriate. In the upper part of the back is a bas-relief—a charming bit of poetic fancy; the holy Seraphs seeming to tempt the wearied occupant of the Chair to slumber, with their soft hymns; whilst a Guardian Angel is attending, with his sword, to watch over and defend the sleeper. Clusters of lilies adorn the back of the Chair, and on either side of the group of Angels are passion-flowers, in high relief; their stems and tendrils running up on either side of the central compartment, intertwined with lilies and ivy-leaves. The arms of the Chair are freely designed, the space between them and the seat being filled up with poppy flowers and leaves; and the adaptation of these flowers is worthy of great attention, from their picturesque mode of treatment, and richness of effect. Leaves of poppies are introduced on the under side of the arms, and cluster at the junction of the latter with the back of the Chair; whilst, on the fronts of the arms, sleeping figures of an aged man, and of a young mother with her child, are sculptured, terminating in bold foliage. The frame of the Chair is adorned with ivy-leaves, in delicate relief; and the legs, which are extremely original in character, are enriched with clusters of ivy and other foliage. The model has been made and exhibited by Holland and Co., and is to be executed in various ways—as in oak, walnut-tree, &c. We have engraved this very superb work of art. The figures, we should add, are by Horsley.

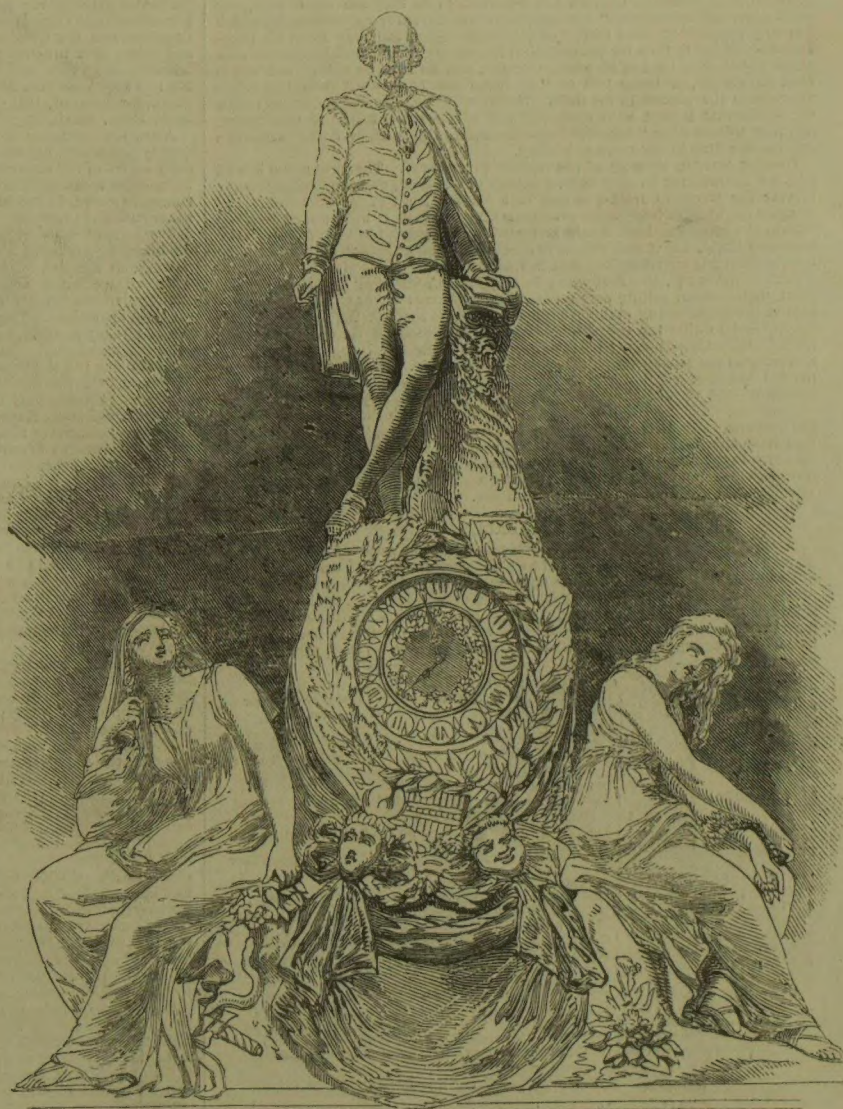
There are some beautiful specimens of modern Marquetry and Wood-work, by Seddon, Holland, and others; and the novel applicat ons of *papier maché* to screens, chairs, and even sofas, are in sumptuous taste, sometimes, however, luxuriating in an excess of ornamental glitter. We were especially pleased with a large and elaborate piece of carving by Jordan's machinery, which shows



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THE "REPOSE" ARMCHAIR.—DESIGNED AND MODELED BY THOMAS.



THE SHAKESPEARE CLOCK.—DESIGNED BY BELL.

a great advance upon the specimens previously exhibited, the fineness of its foliage and feather-work reminding one of Gibbons's exquisite productions.

The Works in Earthenware include vases, jugs, and bowls, of fine forms; and some Fire-place Slabs, by the Mintons, exquisitely coloured and ornamented. Their *Tesserae* are, likewise, very successful; and a novel application of their brilliant Encaustic Tiles attracted much attention. This consists in a radiating hearth of the Tiles, laid upon the fluted metal-work of one of Sylvester's Fire Grates; the heated air passing through the fluting, under the Tiles, and by a pierced metal moulding, into the room. The brilliancy of the Tiles, and the highly burnished steel, with its massive brass enrichments, have a most gorgeous effect. The price of the stove we saw is 150 guineas; but the Tile-hearth can be adapted to stoves of much less cost than the above.

A pair of "Twin" Brackets, in *Terra Cotta*, for shop fronts, &c., designed by J. Bell, sculptor, and made at the Ladyshore Works; and a specimen of a new Irish *Terra Cotta*, a recumbent figure, by Beaulieu; are commendable, both for beauty of design and execution.

The Works in Coloured China, by the Mintons, Copeland, Chamberlains, and others, are too numerous for us to stop at.

The Statuary Porcelain is more novel: there are three very pleasing Busts, side by side—Jenny Lind, in Parian, by Copeland; Pope Pius IX., in Carrara Porcelain, by Rose and Co.; and Jenny Lind, in Statuary Porcelain, by Copeland. For beauty of colour we prefer the latter; the Carrara has too much the appearance of plaster. From this Class Prince Albert selected the following works:—A small Etruscan Cruche; Paul and Virginia, by Cumberworth; Apollo and the Shepherd, after Wyatt; a Bust of Flora; and the "Armada Bottle;" all in Copeland's Statuary Porcelain; and the Well Spring, in Parian and Coloured Porcelain, by Redgrave; and the Summerly Prize Jug, in Opal Glass, by the Richardson. These specimens were sent to Buckingham Palace, by Eldred, of New Bond-street, on Saturday.

Some of the Iron Castings, in delicacy and artistic finish, approach the famed Berlin work, the Messengers, the Coalbrookdale Company, and Deane and Co. being the chief exhibitors; and the Dorothea and Cupid, by Hatfield, from Bell's statuette, may be regarded as the first contribution to a valuable collection and manufacture of British bronzes. We also noticed a case of Ornamental Keys by Chubb, reminding us of the taste which the olden workers in metal bestowed upon the key-handle.

In Silver there is "a Shakespeare Cup," surmounted with a statuette of the Poet, by J. Sharp; the body of the Cup embossed with scenes from six of Shakespeare's plays, surrounded by Elizabethan ornaments.

The Works in Glass will sustain the precedence of British manufacture for the refractive brilliancy of their Flint glass. Some specimens of a new decorative art, which has arisen out of a chemical process rewarded last year by the Society, are very striking; they consist of ornamental Glass Cups and Vases, with *pure silver* deposited on the inside by Drayton's patent.

In the ante-room is a striking novelty in Paper-Hanging, a branch of Decoration which has not received such artistic attention in this country as in France. The reader will probably recollect Redgrave's fresco of Catherine Douglas's defence of the Scrove Monastery, exhibited in Westminster Hall; the central figure of this (Catherine supplying the door-bar with her bare arm) has been executed on paper by a new process, by Simpson, with surprising breadth and pictorial effect; it is admirably adapted for the wall of an entrance-hall.

Of Ransome's "Cast Admiral Stone" there are some large specimens, approaching the sharpness and finish of the labours of the chisel.

In Summerly's Art Manufactures we have several novelties which have not yet found their way into the shops; indeed, those in the Exhibition are but specimens. One of the most original is THE SHAKESPEARE CLOCK, designed and modelled by Bell, and made in Parian by the Mintons; the works to be furnished by Vulliamy; the Dial by Drayton's silvering process, already mentioned. The Dial is placed between two figures representing Tragedy and Comedy, as typical of Time passing between Joy and Grief:—

"Joy absent, grief is present for that time."—Richard II.

"The time of life is short:
To spend that shortness basely were too long,
If life did ride upon a dial's point,
Still ending at th' arrival of an hour."—*First Part of Henry IV.*

The composition is surmounted by a statuette of Shakespeare, the likeness founded upon the Poet's bust in the chancel of Stratford Church. A full-length statue of the same figure has been exhibited by the sculptor, in Westminster Hall.

We shall return to this very interesting collection next week. It should be added, that the Exhibition will be open to the public gratis until the 29th of April, every day, except Saturdays; the admission being by tickets, to be obtained of the Members of the Society of Arts. On Saturdays, tickets will be dispensed with, and the admission will then be by payment of 1s. each person.

NATIONAL SPORTS.

O Spring! of hope, and love, and youth, and gladness,
Wind-winged emblem! brightest, best, and fairest;
Whence comest thou? when, with dark winter's sadness,
The tears that fade in sunny smiles thou sharest?
SHELLEY.

When Byron bade England console herself for the lack of a vintage with the contents of her cellars, he might have added that the defects of her climate were more than compensated by the means and appliances she possesses for extracting health and hilarity out of "dark winter." From the close of autumn to the return of spring, her woods and fields are harmonious with strains more heart-stirring than ever wood'd "the sunny land of song." Let them say what they please of "the dreary month of November"—according to their philosophy the especial occasion of our insular *felo-de-se*—but all the Carnivals that ever motley never furnished spirits more bounding and abounding than a Leicestershire cover side on "the morrow of All Souls." Moreover, every season the character of our winter sports is becoming more popular, as relates to the manner of their application, than it was wont to be. Steeple-chasing all may partake of who have a taste that way; and the great coursing meetings are, so to speak, the racing of the "off" months. Bating a few *battues*, still persisted in by those who ought not to need being told they are out of date, our rural sports are essentially "common," or exempt from the appropriation which formerly constituted them matter of privilege. Any man may shoot his pheasant now or get it from his poulterer—if he can pay for it; and let Snooks subscribe to the crack pack of the crack country, and he runs no risk of bad words from the master, or being told to "go home and be —," should he object to undergo the process in the field. We must not be ungrateful, but part with the winter that is past with memories full of the good things it vouchsafed, and then welcome the "daffodils that come before the swallow dares" with such spirit as breathes in the verse of Shelley.

Tuesday was the opening of the regular turf season. The first scene is well laid, for Leamington is, as it were, a suburb of Warwick, and the spa has latterly become the favourite head-quarters of a leading party of sporting men. The weather might have been more propitious certainly, but it will be seen from the returns the sport was both ample and good. The course has been considerably improved lately, but it still admits of much beneficial alteration; its position for a spring meeting is perhaps the best in England.

During the week, the first move in the season's yachting was made by the great metropolitan sailing society, the Royal Thames Yacht Club. The stewards of the forthcoming matches propose greatly to increase the amount of the prizes, and to alter the course—henceforth the vessels in all cases will start from Erith. Already several belonging to this Club are being "forwarded," and early in the coming month they will be ready. In the betting market business is still slack. New favourites are tardy in making their appearance—and the old ones are "left alone" in their glory.

Licensing day has passed by without any strong manifestation against the promoters of sweeps and lotteries; so that if people won't try their fortunes, they have only themselves to blame. Such as have enterprise and spirit may do worse in their investments, than having an account of how many inches of rain have fallen during the present week, and thence deducing the depth of the ground in reference to any event for immediate issue.

TATTERSALL'S.

MONDAY.—Passing over all the spring events—in none of which did the betting excite much interest, or lead to any movements worth particular notice—we have to select a few nags that came in for more than their usual share of attention, viz. Glendower, Springy Jack, Fern, and Besborough. The first three were really in force, but the latter, although backed for a "cool hundred," was not at all "firm." Our price current will be found to embrace seven distinct races—quite enough to confuse the books, and render it no easy task to make out the average:—

8 to 1 agst St. Leger	LEAMINGTON STEEPLE CHASE.	15 to 1 agst Abd-el-Kader
8 to 1 — The Curate	10 to 1 — Jerry	15 to 1 — Alexander
6 to 1 — Chandler	10 to 1 — Khoudooz	
	1000 to 500 laid on the field agst four.	
	WARWICK TRIAL STAKES.	
	7 to 4 agst Lister.	
3 to 1 agst Ballinafad	4 to 1 agst Sunnyside	8 to 1 agst Lyme
	TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS STAKES.	
7 to 2 agst Blaze (t)	5 to 1 agst Flatcatcher	8 to 1 agst Fern (t)
	NORTHAMPTON STAKES.	
11 to 1 agst Walmgate Bar	10 to 1 agst Thistle-down (t)	16 to 1 agst Mountain Dew
Without		(t)
8 to 1 agst Jericho	METROPOLITAN HANDICAP.	
9 to 1 — Turkhunter	16 to 1 agst Marg of Coung-	20 to 1 agst Vanpyre (t)
	ham (t)	
	CHESTER CUP.	
22 to 1 agst Cracow	40 to 1 agst Lightning (t)	1000 to 15 agst Conyngham (t)
35 to 1 — Bauntam	100 to 1 — Helman Platoff	100 to 1 — Montpeneir (t)
40 to 1 — Glen Saddle (t)	100 to 1 — Colt	100 to 1 — Grimston (t)
	100 to 1 agst Millar (t)	
	DEBBY.	
750 to 100 agst Kent's lot	25 to 1 agst Longstone	40 to 1 agst Flatcatcher
13 to 1 — Glen Saddle	50 to 1 — Whitstone	
13 to 1 — Springy Jack	40 to 1 — Besborough (t)	50 to 1 — Keraun (t)
50 to 1 agst Deerstalk (t)	1100 to 1000 on Glendower agst Springy Jack	

LEAMINGTON STEEPLE CHASE.—THURSDAY.

Proceed	1
Switcher	2
St. Leger	3

THE MARKETS.

CORN EXCHANGE (Friday).—Since Monday the supply of English wheat fresh up for our market, coastwise and by land carriage, has been very moderate, and, from the damp state of the weather, greatly out of condition. Selected parcels of both red and white wheats in steady request to-day, at full prices, but the middle and inferior kinds were a slow inquiry. Foreign wheats there was an improved demand, and some of the holders refused to sell except at higher rates. The business doing, however, was by no means extensive. Malt was in firm, but grinding and distilling sorts were somewhat neglected. In prices we have no change to notice. Malt was in moderate request, and prices were well supported in every instance. Beans, peas, and Indian corn very dull. Fine flour was held at extreme currencies. The top price of English was 46s per 80 lbs.

ARRIVALS.—English: wheat, 3340; barley, 5420; oats, 5260 quarters. Irish: wheat, —; barley, —; oats, 4200 quarters. Foreign: wheat, 850; barley, 1280; oats, 11,140 quarters. Flour, 4430 sacks and — barrels: malt, 3080 quarters. English: wheat, 3340; barley, 5420; oats, 5260 quarters. Irish: wheat, —; barley, —; oats, 4200 quarters. Foreign: wheat, 850; barley, 1280; oats, 11,140 quarters. Flour, 4430 sacks and — barrels: malt, 3080 quarters. English: wheat, 3340; barley, 5420; oats, 5260 quarters. Irish: wheat, —; barley, —; oats, 4200 quarters. Foreign: wheat, 850; barley, 1280; oats, 11,140 quarters. Flour, 4430 sacks and — barrels: malt, 3080 quarters.

Linseed, English, sowing, 50s to 60s; Baltic, crushing, 44s to 48s; Mediterranean and Odessa, 45s to 50s; hempseed, 33s to 35s per quarter; coriander, — to — per cwt.; brown mustard seed, 8s to 10s; white do, 8s to 10s; large, 5s to 6s per bushel. English rape seed, 4s to 4s 6d; foreign do, 4s to 4s 6d; linseed cake, 13s to 14s per ton; canary, 68s to 73s per quarter. English clover-seed, red, — to —; extra, — to —; white, — to —; extra, up to —. Foreign, red, — to —; extra, — to —; white, — to —; extra, — per cwt.

Bread.—The prices of wheaten bread in the metropolis are from 7d to 8d; of household ditto, 6d to 7d per 4 lbs.

The Six Weeks' Average.—Wheat, 50s 7d; barley, 30s 10d; oats, 20s 7d; rye, 31s 6d; beans, 37s 6d; peas, 41s 6d.

Duties on Foreign Corn.—Wheat, 7s 0d; barley, 2s 6d; oats, 2s 6d; rye, 2s 6d; beans, 2s 6d; peas, 2s 6d.

Tea.—Nearly 35,000 packages have been offered at public sale this week. The biddings have ruled heavy, and only about 3000 packages have sold at late prices. Privately, next to nothing is doing.

Sugar.—All kinds of raw sugar have met a very dull inquiry, at a reduction in prices of from 6d to 1s per cwt. for the inferior parcels of Bengal and Mauritius. Refined goods dull, on somewhat easier terms.

Provisions.—We have to notice a steady for Irish butter, at fully last week's prices. Carlow, Clonmel, and Kilkenny, landed, 90s to 95s; Cork, 90s to 95s; Limerick, 85s to 90s; Dublin, 85s to 90s; Sligo, 85s to 90s; and Tralee, 85s to 90s per cwt. Although the supplies of English butter are very sluggish, progress steadily, at 1s to 2s per cwt. more money. New Butter, 112s to 116s; middling ditto, 90s to 98s per cwt.; and fresh, 10s 6d to 14s per dozen lbs. Foreign butter has advanced 1s to 2s per cwt. Fine Friesland, landed, 68s to 67s per cwt. Irish lard dull, at 80s to 82s per cwt.

Tallow.—This market is very firm, at 50s 6d to 51s per cwt for P Y C on the spot.

Oils.—Next to nothing is doing in oils, yet prices are mostly supported.

Hay and Straw.—Meadow hay, 22 10s to 23 15s; clover ditto, 23 10s to 24 15s; and straw, 21 4s to 21 10s per load.

Potatoes.—All kinds are in very moderate request, at prices ranging from 80s to 140s per ton.

Spices.—Only a moderate business is doing in rum, yet prices are well supported. Brandy is a slow sale, at late rates. Corn spirits firm.

Coals (Friday).—Hudson's Hardlepool, 15s 6d; Stewart's, 17s; Adelaide Tees, 17s; Eden Main, 16s; Bewick and Co, 15s 3d per ton.

Hops (Friday).—The show of really fine hops to-day was very small, nevertheless the demand for them was a slow inquiry, at barely last week's quotations. In old and inferior parcels so little was doing, that prices were almost nominal:—Sussex pockets, 22 10s to 23 4s; Weald of Kent, ditto, 23 4s to 23 7s; Mid and East Kent, ditto, 23 5s to 23 8s.

Smithfield (Friday).—In to-day's market, the supply of beasts was moderate, and of fair average quality. The prime steers, Devon, &c., commanded a steady sale, at fully Monday's quotations. All other lots were a slow inquiry, yet prices were supported. The show of foreign stock was small, viz., 164 oxen and cows, 332 sheep, and 45 calves. With sheep we were again scantily supplied. On the whole the mutton trade was firm, without alteration in the currencies. Prime small calves sold at very high prices; otherwise, the veal trade was in a sluggish state. In pigs, comparatively little business was transacted, at late figures. Milch cows were dull, at from 12 10s to 17 10s each, including their small calf.

Per 80 lb to sink the offals:—Course and inferior beasts, 3s 4d to 3s 6d; second quality ditto, 3s 8d to 3s 10d; prime large oxen, 4s 0d to 4s 2d; prime Scots, &c., 4s 4d to 4s 6d; coarse and inferior sheep, 3s 10d to 4s 0d; second quality ditto, 4s 2d to 4s 4d; prime coarse-wooled ditto, 4s 4d to 4s 6d; prime South Down ditto, 4s 4d to 4s 6d; large coarse-wooled ditto, 4s 6d to 4s 8d; large, 4s 8d to 4s 10d; and small, 4s 10d to 5s 0d; small, 4s 10d to 5s 0d; and quarter old steer pigs, 18s to 25s each; beasts, 84d; cows, 142; sheep, 264d; calves, 12s; pigs, 32d.

Newgate and Leadenhall (Friday).—The general demand was in a very sluggish state, on the following terms:—

Per 80 lb by the carcass:—Inferior beef, 3s 0d to 3s 2d; middling ditto, 3s 2d to 3s 4d; prime large ditto, 3s 4d to 3s 6d; small ditto, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; large pork, 3s 8d to 4s 4d; inferior mutton, 3s 8d to 4s 4d; middling ditto, 4s 0d to 4s 4d; prime ditto, 4s 4d to 4s 10d; veal, 4s 10d to 5s 0d; small pork, 4s 6d to 5s 0d.

MONETARY TRANSACTIONS OF THE WEEK.

(From our City Correspondent.)

The proprietors of Bank of England Stock have reason to congratulate themselves upon an increased dividend, viz. to four and a half per cent. for the half-year. The books for the transfer of Bank Stock, Three per Cent. Reduced, New Three-and-a-Quarter per Cent. Consols, Long Annuities, and Annuities for Terms of Years are closed. Bank Stock will open on the 14th of April, and the remainder on the 18th of April.

The Committee of Bankers have issued the following circular:—"A numerous body of the mercantile and trading interest having signified their approval of bankers closing their counter business at four o'clock, notice is hereby given that, on and after the 1st of May next, the Bank of England, the City Bankers, and Joint Stock Banks will close for the receipt and payment of money at four o'clock in the day.

There exists scarcely any demand for money, trade continuing nearly stagnant, checked as it has been by events abroad. Good bills are scarce, and are readily discounted at 3 per cent.; lower class paper from 3½ per cent. to 5 per cent. when long-dated. The discount houses continue to reject large sums offered at "the call," and allow from 2½ to 3 per cent. on the deposits they receive.

Consols have fluctuated during the week between 80½ and 81½. At opening the Market has usually been buoyant, arising in a great measure from the purchases made by the public, which on Tuesday caused Money Stock to quote ½ in advance of Consols for Account. Towards the close of the Market sinister rumours from the Continent have daily afforded room for bearing speculation, and prices have invariably receded. Exchequer Bills have advanced, and still maintain an upward tendency, as the following list of prices will show:—Consols, 80½; Long Annuities, 30 years, 8 7-16ths; India Bonds, £1000, 15 p; Bank Stock, for Account, 183½; Consols, for Account, 80½; Exchequer Bills, £1000, 30 p; Ditto, Small, 23 p.

Attention continues to be anxiously directed towards the Continent, not merely politically, but financially. From the leading cities in Europe, accounts daily arrive of the suspension or positive failure of firms hitherto regarded as beyond the reach of all ordinary circumstances affecting credit. The rapid decrease, however, in the value of the best Continental securities, accelerating a panic that had previously existed (although only to a limited extent), has defied successful resistance by even the wealthiest firms. To this may be added the hoarding of specie, a practice almost universal in France, and very general throughout Europe, whenever political agitation exists, or war appears probable. The effect is naturally to confine all payments of any extent to a paper medium, which rapidly depreciating, soon becomes worthless for all foreign banking operations. The subjoined list of failures proves the disastrous state of affairs already existing, and it is to be feared is only the forerunner of more extended ruin.

On Monday the stoppage of the well-known banking-house of Messrs. Lafitte, Blount, and Co. was announced. The amount of their liabilities is not known, but it is probably very large. They were bankers for four lines of railway, namely, the Rouen, Havre, the Dieppe, and the Boulogne lines. Besides this, they were extensively connected with England, and their failure will probably entail loss on many of our countrymen resident in Paris.

The failure of Messrs. Baudon and Co., the bankers in the Place Vendôme, was announced on Wednesday. The cause which led to the failure was solely the state of the money market.

The firm of MM. Estienne and Thion de la Charnie has suspended payment. From Amsterdam another failure of importance was announced, the firm being that of A. L. Van Harpen and Sons, this being the sixteenth house which has stopped during the week.

The bankers at Paris who are understood to have declined all further business for the present are Messrs. Hottinguer, Delessert, Mallet Brothers, Rougemont de Lowenberg, and Fould, Oppenheim, and Co.

From Dordt the failure is announced of J. F. de Courts and Co., in the oil and grain trade.

In the foreign exchanges there was no abatement of the difficulty which has been for some time experienced in negotiating bills, paper upon France, Vienna, and Italy being, with but little exception, unsaleable. The rate for Holland was rather higher to-day; in the cases of Hamburg and Frankfurt no material alteration occurred.

The state of the French finances becomes every day more complicated, and a cessation of public payments, either as due from the savings' banks or dividends on the *Rentes*, appears to be rapidly approaching. The Government have undertaken in the first place that every able-bodied man from 20 to 25 should be entitled to enter the National Guard, and be equipped, if requisite, at the public expense. This was followed by an enrolment of 20,000 men at 1s. 3d. per day, to constitute a moveable force. Then came the decree that all pawned articles under 8s. 4d. in value should be restored to their owners at the Government charge, with an order to the bakers and provision dealers of the city to supply food indiscriminately to the people, which is put to the debit of the Republic. All works on buildings and public edifices undertaken at the charge of the State are to be resumed: at the same time various railway undertakings are to be pushed forward, for which the co-operation of the companies was to be "demanded." Then the convocation of the National Assembly was proclaimed, to consist of 900 members to receive £1 per day each during a session which, under such circumstances, is likely to declare itself "in permanence." Finally, we have the announcement of a rise in the rate of interest on the entire floating debt of 34 millions sterling, from 4 to 5 per cent., making an additional annual charge of £340,000, together with an immediate further augmentation of the army by the formation of a legion of Poles.

Before, however, one half of these decrees are attempted to be executed, the necessities of the working and middling classes caused an extensive notice of withdrawal from the savings' banks. These notices were met by the following unjust decree:—

"1. That all deposits of 1000. and less shall be repaid in full in cash.

"2. That the deposits from 1001. to 10000. shall be repaid as follows: viz. 1000. in cash, one half of the surplus in Treasury bonds at four months' date, bearing interest at five per cent., and the other in five per cent. Government Stock at par.

"3. That those accounts which exceed 10000. shall be repaid as follows: viz. 10000. in cash, one half of the surplus in Treasury bonds at six months' date, bearing interest at 5 per cent., and the remaining half in 5 per cent. stock at par."

Now, in the last prices Treasury Bonds are not quoted, which is equivalent to their being unsaleable: and the Five per Cents are 71½ 50c., entailing a loss of 28½ 50c. on every 1000.

In addition to the undertakings already alluded to, Louis Philippe, after a reign of seeming prosperity, left the consolidated public debt of France just thirty-seven millions sterling greater than he found it. It amounts to 207 millions. The deficit of the year 1848 was computed at two millions sterling; although the entire amount of the credits placed at the disposal of the late Government for the year 1847 amounted to the amazing sum of 1,712,979,639fr., or £68,500,000 sterling. One of the greatest abuses of the late Administration was the inordinate extension given to the floating debt. It amounted, on the 26th of February last, to 670,000,000fr., or nearly twenty-seven millions sterling, in the shape of Treasury Bonds or Exchequer Bills. To meet such an expenditure, the revenue of France, at the most prosperous period, if doubled, would have proved inadequate. The last decree, therefore, suspending cash payments, has caused little surprise. It authorises the Bank of France to refuse specie for its notes, declares them a legal tender, and permits a circulation not exceeding 350,000,000fr. This last aid will only arrest the ruin, to increase it. It is the last act preceding a national bankruptcy.

The Foreign Market has been most depressed, Mexican being the only security in which any buoyancy has existed. The prospect of peace caused a rise of ½ per cent. on Monday, but this was not maintained, a reaction to 1½ rapidly following; but the price has since advanced to 15. The other securities are all gradually dropping, with the exception of Dutch, which advanced towards the close of the week. The following are the last prices:—Brazilian Bonds, 70; Ditto, Small, 72; Ditto, New, 1839, 70; Ditto, Small, 73; Ecuador Bonds, 2; Mexican, Five per Cent. 1846, 15; Ditto, Account, 15; Russian Bonds, 90; Spanish Five per Cent., 1840, 11½; Ditto, Account, 11½; Ditto, Passive, 5½; Ditto, Three per Cent., 22; Venezuela Bonds, Deferred, 4½; Belgian Four-and-a-Half per Cent., 61; Dutch Two-and-a-Half per Cent., 12 Guild., 42½; Ditto, Account, 63.

Shares continued to recede in price, and the French lines cannot be sold unless at a reduction upon the nominal quotation. The state of the market will be seen by the following list:—Amberg, Nottingham, Boston, and Eastern Junction, ½; Birmingham and Oxford Junction, 2½; Eastern Counties, 13½; East Lincolnshire, 15½; Great Northern, 5; Great Southern and Western (Ireland), 18; Great North of England, 22½; Great Western, 92; Ditto, Half Shares, 52; Ditto, Quarter Shares, 16½; Ditto, Fifths, 20½; Ditto, New, 8½; Ipswich & Bury St. Edmunds, and Norwich, 2½; Lancashire and Yorkshire, Fifths, 7½; x d; Ditto, Preston and Wyre, 3½; London and Blackwall, 4½; London, Brighton, and South Coast, 30; London and North Western, 129½; Ditto, New, 5½; Ditto, Fifths, 8; Ditto, £10 (M. and B.), A., 9½; Ditto, £10 (M. and B.), B., 10; London and South Western, 46½; Ditto, Tenth (Consol.), 450 Shares, Thirds, 3½ d; Midland, 99; Ditto £40 Shares, 39½; Ditto, £10 Shares, 2½; Ditto, Birmingham and Derby, 7½; Norfolk, 63; North British, 21 x d; Ditto, Half Shares, 9; Ditto, Quarters, 3½; Ditto, Extension, ½; North Staffordshire, 1½; South Eastern and Dover, 23 x d; Ditto, No. 4, 4½; South Wales, 5; York, Newcastle, and Berwick, 30½; Ditto Original New and Berwick, 27½; Ditto, Extension, No. 1, 16; Ditto ditto, No. 2, 10½; Ditto Great Northern, and Eastern Preference, 8½; York and North Midland, 62; Ditto Preference, 12; Ditto, East and West Riding Extension, 28½; Boulogne and Amiens, 4½; Central of France (Orleans and Vierzon), 6; Northern of France, 2½; Orleans and Bordeaux, 1½; Paris and Lyons, 1; Paris and Orleans, 25; Paris and Rouen, 15½; Rouen and Havre, 7½.

SATURDAY MORNING.—The English Funds opened steadily yesterday, nor did the suspension of cash payments in France materially affect them, it having been anticipated. Consols fluctuated but little, closing at 80½ to 81 for Money and Time. There was no improvement in the other Markets.

THE LONDON GAZETTE.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14.

BANKRUPTCY.

G ARMFIELD and R W BARBER, Croydon, coach-builders. C M COLLETT, late of Mill-street, Lambeth, biscuit baker, now of Hammersmith and Lincoln's-inn-fields, attorney. J HOSKIN, Southampton, builder. J BAKER, George-street, Hanover-square, tailor. J HOPE, Tumbidge Wells, grocer. J MULLETT, Shaftesbury, tailor. F FLANAGAN, Folkestone, furnishing ironmonger. J NEAVE, Cole's-terrace, Islington, plumber. J PORTER, Woodward-street, City, cheese-factor. W INWARDS, Luton, straw-plait-merchant. J PARKER, Oxford, brewer. J ORDON, Swan-place, Old Kent-road, hoop-bender. W DYNE, Rochester-terrace, High-street, Stoke Newington, corn dealer. F CLEMENTS, Shelton, earthenware manufacturer. R FLYE, Weston-under-Penwyd, butcher. B HARBERT, Nottingham, dealer in lace. W PENNY, Newport, Monmouthshire, brewer. W DICKINSON, Clayton West, corn dealer. E THOMPSON, Kingston-upon-Hull, hosier. C MOIRAN, Leeds, tea dealer. R TAYLOR, Liverpool, soap manufacturer. J BECKETT, Liverpool, ironmonger. T TATTERSALL, Liverpool, corn merchant. E G HONE, Liverpool, licensed victualler. J SINCLAIR, Liverpool, tailor. W B JONES, Liverpool, hatter. J SMITH, Little Bolton and Kearsley, roller maker. J HARTLEY, Bury, machine maker. W FULLER, Hoxton Old-town, carman.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 18.

WAR OFFICE, MARCH 18.

12th Light Dragoons: F Arden to be Cornet, vice Hollishead. 14th: Assist Surg C H Fason to be Assistant Surgeon, vice Stone. 15th: Cornet T C Pakenham to be Lieutenant, vice Jennings; Cadet T Donovan to be Cornet, vice Pakenham. 14th Foot: Lieut J Lawrie to be Lieutenant, vice Spence. 34th: Captain R D Kelly to be Major, vice Malhervey; Lieut H Okey to be Captain, vice Kelly; Lieut H T Parker to be Major, vice Okey; D Stewart to be Ensign, vice Parker. 44th: J H Llewellyn to be Assistant Surgeon. 53rd: Assist Surg E B Tison to be Assistant Surgeon, vice Fasson. 62nd: Captain E H Poyntz to be Captain, vice D G A Darroch; Lieut J B Forster to be Captain, vice Poyntz; Ensign B J Hume to be Lieutenant, vice Forster. U W Alcock to be Ensign, vice Hume. 63rd: J J Cockburn to be Ensign, vice Knight. 71st: Assistant Surg Staff T W B Bickler to be Assistant Surgeon, vice Hodgson. 99th: Lieut R Mends to be Lieutenant, vice Blair. 1st West India Regiment: Quartermaster-Sergeant C Stokely to be Quartermaster, vice Smith; 2nd: P J Clark to be Assistant Surgeon, vice Tison. 3rd: A D Home to be Assistant Surgeon, vice Coomans. 1st Rifle Regiment: Ensign G L Knight to be First Lieutenant, vice Kelson. UNATTACHED.—Lieut W Mair to be Captain. BREVET.—Capt C F Parkinson, Aide-de-Camp to Col Love, to be Major in the Army. HOSPITAL STAFF.—Staff Surgeon of the Second Class W Linton, M.D., to be Staff Surgeon of the First Class, vice Grant; Assistant Surgeon E W Stone to be Staff Surgeon of the Second Class, vice Linton; J L Holloway to be Assistant Surgeon, vice Buckler. COMMISSIONS SIGNED BY LORDS-LIEUTENANT. Worcestershire.—O Ricardo, Esq, M.P., to be Deputy Lieutenant. —Durham.—R D Shafto, Esq, M.P., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Denbighshire.—J E Maddocks, Esq; J Price, Esq; and T Hughes, Esq, to be Deputy Lieutenants. 1st Regiment of the Duke of

ADVERTISEMENTS.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.—Under the Patronage of HER MAJESTY and His Royal Highness PRINCE ALBERT. The QUEEN having graciously sanctioned the performance at HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE, for the BENEFIT of the DISTRESSED ARTISANS of the METROPOLIS, an EXTRA NIGHT will be given on THURSDAY NEXT, MARCH 23. A list of the Patrons and full details of the Entertainments on this occasion will be published forthwith. Applications for Boxes, Stalls, and Tickets, to be made at the Box-office of the Theatre.

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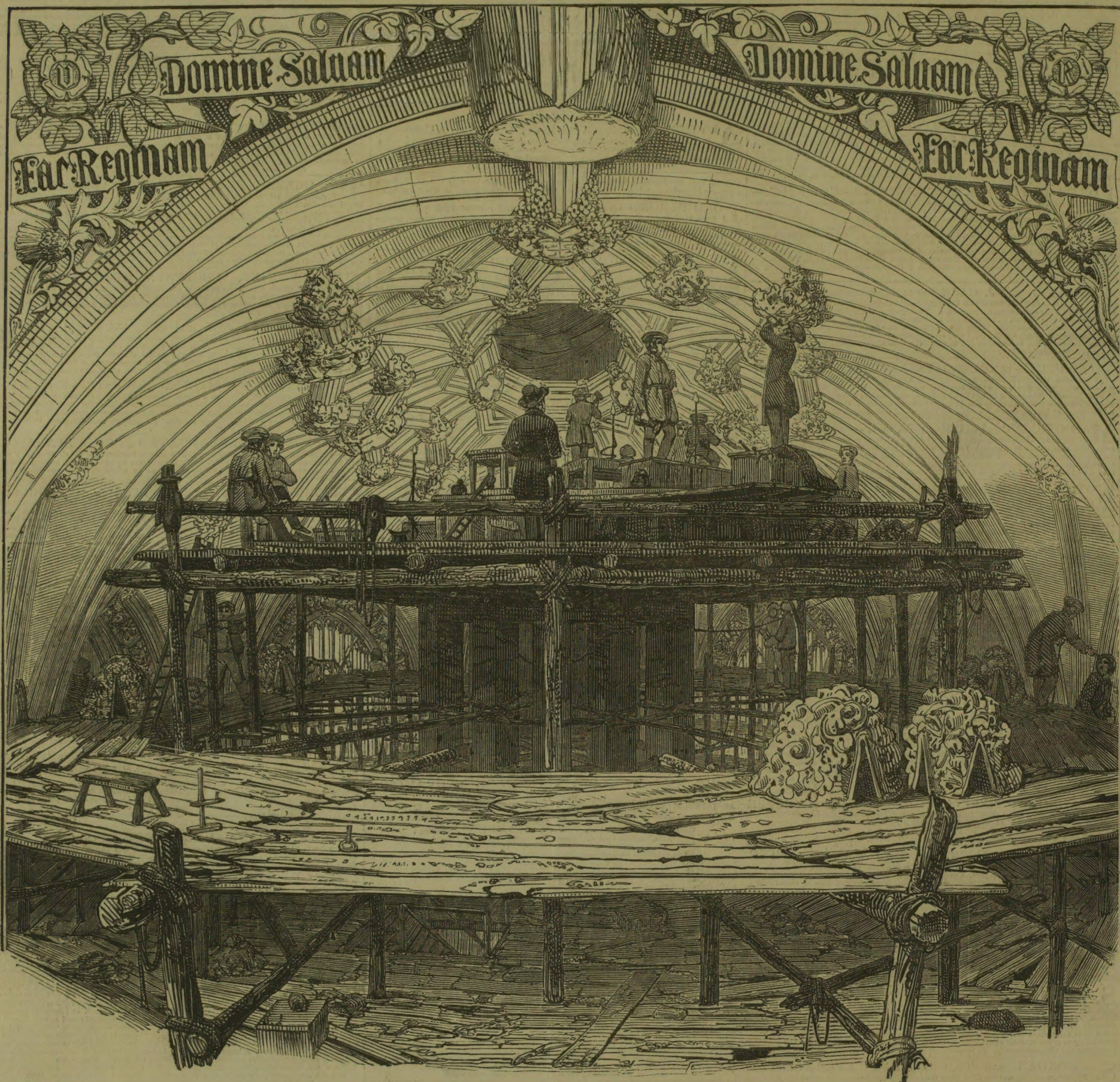
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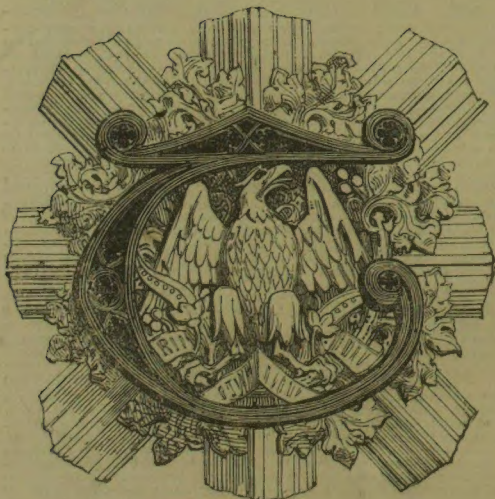
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